Hennepin
May 26th 1857

Dear Judge:

I do not think it best to appoint W. R. Bascom Post Master at Magnolia, as I learn he drinks too much Whisky. He is as good a Democrat as we but it will not answer to apt him.

With my best wishes I am Respectfully Your Obt Svt
E. B. Ames

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Chicago

E. B. Ames
Hennepin
Ills

Brisbane

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Litchfield Conn May 26, 57

Hon. A. S. Douglas

My Dear Sir

You may be surprised at the application I am about to make you, but your proffers of kindness appear to me so sincere that I have resolved to solicit your influence at the proper departments to secure for me an appointment in the Custom House. Circumstances induce me to prefer New York. My affairs, with nine children to support, require that I should make personal efforts for their support & although I have decided to invest all we have in the West I fear, after what I have experienced in Chicago, I should find great difficulty in securing employment for myself. If you would be dear sir say a word for me to Mr Buchanan & Mr Cobb in connection with some of my Southern friends, I am reliable informed I could go into office with Mr Schell in July certainly. You will you pardon the liberty & drop me a line saying you will do what you can for me. With my respect to Mrs Douglas I remain your much obliged & faithful

(over) Ad Brisbane

P.S.

Dear Sir

Since writing the above I have learned by Telegraph that our noble friend Butler's life is despaired of. Truly I have lost an able coadjutor of the cases of my life when peiths have ever made one.

Yrs &c.

Wm Bisbain
Litchfield
Ct.

Alton Ills
May 26th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

You have heard, that my Brother Col. S. D. English late Collector of the Port of Louisville has been Removed and a McHold-
-eman appointed in his place - I have just received a letter from my Brother, and he is perfectly at a loss to know the reason which has occasioned the Resolution in thus Removing him, I have thought Wealth or no My Brothers Douglas McClellan may not have had something to do with his Decapitation - The old Democracy of Louisville are much incensed at this - My brother think of visiting Washington, and his name may be by his friends presented for some position or place. - Now My dear Friend in case it be not asking too much

of you to write me a letter which may be used by him to advantage in case his name may be presented by his friends — I am ashamed to ask you so often to assist me and mine but I can only say that if the time shall ever come that I shall have it in my power you will not find me backward or forgetful of the many kindnesses you have shown me — My self and family are all enjoying good health, I am — with respect

Your Friend

A. McEnglish

My kind regards to Mrs D.

B. M. English
Alton Ills

Harrisburg May 26/57

My dear Judge

I have just received your of the 21st returning with your acceptance draft of Major Harris. When first spoken to by Major H. on the subject he exhibited to me a letter from you to him authorizing him to draw. If you left with him your acceptance I did not see it.

Yours Truly

A. J. Magraw

Hon S. A. Douglas

H. S. Mayram
Harrisburg
Pa

Princeton Ill. May 26. 1857

Mr Douglas

Dear Sir —

The people at Sheffield are impatient for the removal of the present incumbent from the P. O. and the appointment of Joseph C. Niles, who consents to take it. I wrote you concerning this not long since

I also wrote to have Holbrook at Lamoille removed and E. C. Watters appointed. Holbrook is to mean an abolitionist to be tolerated longer.

I write again respecting these, in obedience to the earnest request of democrats ~~in~~ who are anxious to see white men in those offices

I have just sent papers respecting appointments at Yorkton and Tiskilwa, direct to Mr. Kerr, believing that you would be quite willing to be spared the ~~to~~ trouble of attending to these small matters. Very Respy

Charles N. Pine

Chas. R. Pine
Princeton
Ills

Lecompton K.T. May 26. 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir my object in writing to you at this time is to inform you that I have come to this Territory for the purpose of making it my home in future, and that there will be a number of Appointments to be made by the General Govern't. and having a desire to obtain one of them and having heretofore written you on the subject. also having sent to you a Paper of Recommendation from Many Democrats of Illinois in my favour. I feel anxious to have my application properly placed before the President. and if Mr Douglas advise me of whether he has placed the application before the President and how the matter stands he will confer a favor on an old of his best friends (yours truly

Richard Staadecker

Richard Madden
Lecompton K.T.

Redbank May 20th/57

Hon S. A. Douglas:

Having been appointed to the P.O. in this place under the rotation rule, and the adm. having halted and vacillated in the matter so much that it is difficult to say what is the rule and what the exception, a fight is gotten up here to turn me out. Among the charges made at Washington, I am told, is that I was a Douglas man at Cincinnati. That I do not deny. I was so, as you well know, and I expect to be again. The fact of their making this charge, is a sufficient reason for my asking you to interfere so far as to see that I have justice in the matter. The petitions against me are signed principally by republicans

know nothing, money, nor residence
&c. All these things I am prepared
to show at Washington, but require
time to do so. I ask justice in this
matter, and ask you to interfere
to secure it for me.

Yours respectfully
A. J. Walling

A. L. Waling
Keokuk
Iowa

Cincinnati,
May 27th, 1857.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter was duly received.

I shall not be able to visit Chicago before the middle or latter part of next month — by which time, perhaps, you will have returned.

Mrs Pugh has the "little one" to keep her at home — and I fear that no argument can persuade her to make a journey, this summer, with it or without it.

My best regards to Mrs Douglas — and many thanks for her and your kind invitation.

Yours truly
F. L. Pugh

G. E. Pugh
Cincinnati
Ohio

American Office
Chicago May 27 1857

Sir

Some days since I took the liberty to address a line to you to ask the favor of your opinion – or dissent – to a son of mine bearing your much honored name, feeling that to doubt it would be your sanction would be presumptious. For the purity and disinterestedness of my motives would beg to refer you to an old, thoroughly political, and I believe personal friend of yours Mr. S. M. Pendry with whom, as an old friend, I had a conference on the above subject some time since. I have the honor to number amongst my friends E. W. Tracy – Col. W. H. Davis – J. McKay and a hundred other equally thoroughly friends of yours to whom I could refer if necessary.

Expecting to remove to Aurora very shortly and my boy remaining namelessness I should feel honored and obliged by a reply:-

Apologizing for intruding on your valuable time, with great respect

I am
Your Most Obt Servt
C. W. Coolidge
P.O. Box 1350

To
The Hon.ble
Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago

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CHICAGO
MAY
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1857
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To
The Honble
Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago

C. McCall &
Chicago
Ills.
May 28th/57

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La Porte Ind. May 24th/57

Hon S. A. Douglas

My Dear Judge

I called at your residence yesterday to see you on some business that I considered of importance to you, but as you returned home so unwell I would not present it. Hence I have embraced this early opportunity to address you upon the subject, for it is a matter which if done at all must be done immediately.

Col Jno. C. Walker who is a resident of this State will accept the Governorship of Utah Territory — I have conversed with him upon the subject, and may state that he will not make a personal application for the position, but if

offered it will freely accept.

In my judgment a letter or more fit man for that peculiar locality of our county cannot be found –

The deal, was planned in nomination least Fall as a candidate for the Lieut. Gov. of this State and would have been triumphantly elected but for the fact of his withdrawing on account of being a little under the constitutional age.

He is a true and abiding friend of yours and openly & decree based declares himself in favor of Illinois' Son for the next President.

Surely you know me & need no further assurance of the character of this statement

He is a scholar & gallant gentleman in every sense of the term, and is well known all over the State & leads the Elements of the Democracy of Iowa, in his hand.

You cannot not do anything that would be more healthy reciprocated by the Party here than to give the deal, your influence in this matter.

He is a Democrat of the right stripe and of such decided talents, as will do honor to himself, the Party and the Appointing Power

I think you know him

Please let me hear from you at once, and if you act ~~at~~ immediately

Hoping this will meet with your approbation & find you well

I remain as ever

Truly Yours

Geo H Lewis

P.S. Please consider me as much your constituent as ever

Geo H. Sweetser
La Porte
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Magnolia Putnam Co Ills
May 28th 1857

Dear Sir

I write you to assist me in getting the appointment of Post Master at this place — The present Post Master L. C. Morrill is one of Wentworth's men, done nothing in the campaign for fear of committing himself — You can get me the office, & I know you will do so if become acquainted with all the facts — We shall have a death struggle for the next legislature, & all that can be done must be to secure it Democrats —

I refer you to Hon. T. L. Harris, E. B. Ames Esqr, & J. W. Sheahan (Chicago Times)

Truly Yrs
Harvey K Bascom

Hon S A Douglas

Application for Post Master at Magnolia Putnam Co Ills
To the Hon S. A. Douglas

H. N. Bascom

Write me if you please, if it is not proper that I should have the office I do not wish it

H. N. B—

Hon Henry N Bascom
Magnolia
Putnam Co
Ills

Saint Louis, Mo., May 28th 1857.

Hon Stephen A Douglas,
Senator of the United States
Quincy. Ill.

Dear Sir:

My letter to you of April 16th, accompanying a petition to the Postmaster General, will no doubt have reached you in due time.

But up to this date we did not learn any thing new in relation to the petition.

Something might have happened, preventing a proper action on the part of the Postmaster General, and to be certain about it your Honor would oblige myself as well as all the subscribers of the petition, by informing me whether my letter of April 16th, and accompanying petition did come to your hands and whether you have forwarded the petition to the Postmaster General.

I have the honor to be very respectfully your obdt Servt & political friend,

John R Detroiler

John B. Detwiler
Sauk City
Wis

about a Petition
sent you

Zanesville O. May 28th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I presume to write to you, on the strength of a Washington City introduction, and upon the "Divine right" that one human being has to communicate with another.

I want to know what is the meaning of the name "Free State National Democracy" which I begin to see in the Kansas reports? Is it more than a mere name? Or is it the incipiency of an attempt to split the Democracy?

Very respectfully

Yours

J. W. Gelly

P. S.

As you have probably forgotten my name I would say that I am the Editor of the Zanesville "Aurora" Democratic news-paper

J. M. Gally
Zanesville
Ohio

(No. 14.)

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE, May 28. 1857.

Sir:

Peter Spink the Postmaster at L'Erable County of Iroquois — State of Illinois has resigned in favor of John Barland.

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.,

Horatio King
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago
Ill.

P. M at
L Carable
Iroquois Co
Ills

Resigned.

To The Post-Master of the United States

We the undersigned Citizens of the town of Annawan Henry County and State of Illinois would present the name of John H Loring as a suitable person to be appointed Deputy Post-Master of this town & and as in duty bound would ever pray

Annawan May 28th 1857

Names	Names
Oliver Paste	
Andrew M Duncan	
David Dingman	
Niles Roach	
Simeon Rouse	
Elijah Gray	
G Wharrell	
Solomon Minard	
M G Sears	
Enos Green	
Thos McElhose	
Wm G. Heaby	
Robert M Stilwell	
George Machesney	
James Kepler	
Seneca Wright	
Eugene Smith	

D. H. Sowrey
Petition

State of Illinois
Henry Co.

Annawan Mar 28th 1861

To the Post Master of the United States Sir We the undersigned Democratic Citizens of Annawan would humbly present the name of John H. Loring to succeed the present incumbent of this Post Office. Mr Loring is every way qualified to discharge the duties of said Office; besides he is a firm and decided Democrat (which cannot be said of B. C. Sargent) The Office has done more to aid Greeley's Tribune and Kindred prints than it has to sustain the spread of Democratic papers. We believe Mr Loring would if appointed, in a prudent manner do much to increase the Democratic strength and numbers to the ranks which is much desired in this vicinity. And we further say that we fully believe that his appointment would give very general satisfaction

William Stilwell
[illegible]
Frederick Fuerer
Alexander MacKesney
George McKesney
J. Mc J. MacKesney
Arthur Mc Bellock
William Wilsey
William Barber

Chicago May 29th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas
Chicago

Dear Sir.

Capt James F. J. McCleary
a citizen of Washington City and a good dem
ocrat. is an applicant for a consulship. I
is desirous of having a letter of recommend
ation from you. If you will give him
one for that purpose. I will be under
many obligations to you. I can say in
his behalf that he is a well educated
and talented gentleman. a fluent french
writer and laboured hard during the
last campaign in behalf of our party
as a member of the Illinois Club at
Washington City. If you consent to
giving the letter please enclose it to me
I oblige

Very Respectfully
Your obt Ser
John F. Clements.

John F. Clements
Chicago
Ills

Wyanny Stark County Ills
May 29th 1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir Please send to my adress one Copy of Smithsonian Institute report also report of Patent Office & Much Oblige

Yours &c

Chas. S. Payne

Chas. L. Payne
Wyoming
Stark Co Ills

General Land Office
May 29. 1857.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with your request of the 21st inst. Chicago Cash Patents Nos. 30070 & 30078 have this day been transmitted to Rev. Schabod Clark at Rockford Winnebago County Illinois.

I am,
very respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.
Thos. A. Hendricks
Commissioner

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Chicago
Illinois

Comm^r of the
Genl Land Office
Lands Patents.

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

May 29 1857.

Sir:

The Postmaster General has ordered the ~~appointment of~~ discontinuance of the P.O. at Lowell in the County of LaSalle and State of Illinois ~~in place of~~

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Horatio King

First Assistant Postmaster General.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Chicago,

Ill.

Horatio King
Washington
Has discontinued
P.O. at Lowell
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(No. 14.)

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE, May 29 — 1857.

Sir: Application is made, by fifty citizens, to the Postmaster General, from the County of Whiteside State of Illinois, for the removal of John C. Paddock from the Post office at "Lynden", and appointment of John McDearman; because Mr Paddock lives out of the town and cannot give his personal attention to the office

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. Douglass
Chicago
Illinois

Horatio King
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

P. M. General
about the remov
al of the P. M.
at Lyndon
Whiteside Co

(No. 14.)

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE, May 25. 1857.

Sir:

Wm. Manlove the Postmaster at Hickory Point County of Livingston State of Illinois has resigned in favor of E. B. Ostrander.

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.,

Horatio King
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Chicago,
Ill.

P. M at Hickory
Point, Livingston
Co.

Has resigned

Cedson Clermont Co. O.
May 30. 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Dr Sir.

On the score of old acquaintance, & at the request of many interested, allow me to address you upon a little matter of business. For six years the Citizens of this Village & vicinity have had their P. Office, bringing in weekly some Sixty odd Ns Papers, & paying its own Expenses. Since the election of Mr. Buchanan, it has been discontinued. There is another office East of this some 3 Miles doing not more than 1/2 the business which the one here did, & coming out every year in Debt. It is kept by one Clark or McHee, & surrounded by a democratic community. Here they are mostly Republicans. Here they have a Village - there they

have none. Here the office is issued to pay — there it is seen not to pay. Here they can distribute weekly some 70 papers — there not more than 40. For what reason then is this office to be put down & kept down — while that is sustained at the public Expense. We trust it is not, because as Persons of all parties are getting to believe — that that community is Democratic & this Republican. They have two months ago — petitioned the Department, but get no answer. I am sorry to feel it my duty to trouble you Sir, with this little matter, but hope you will pardon me, & find a few moments leisure to bring this item to the attention of the Genl Office. In doing so no more than Justice will be done to the Petitioners (we do I learn) & nothing will be lost to the Democracy.

Very Truly your old friend & Servant —
Wm Perkins
formerly of Rushville, Ills.
now of Ripley, Ohio.

Wm. Perkins
Ripley Ohio

Quincy
May 30th 1857

My Dear Judge

I had intended to have been at Chicago before this, but have been detained here - I shall be up in about two weeks, I think unless you conclude to visit us before that time. I see Trumbull and Koerner are moving in Madison Co & I presume the best thing to do in that County is to see or learn from Bob Smith what movements are being made to unite the Germans & Know Nothings. Hope can prevent the Union and Denunciation of Che can learn what Hope will do. Unless the Union is made we can carry the County pretty between you and me time is thrown away upon any other Germans except the Catholics, them we can hold, the others as a map we have not had for some time and cannot get. Of course it wont do to say this aloud but had as well know and act accordingly. Things are all right here Morris seems friendly to you and I have no reason to doubt its sincerity. I think we can carry every Republican from this District. It is Browning plan to run against Morris, in my opinion, & trade off every thing and every body to beat him, we can beat him badly - & carry every thing else

I have heard nothing from Washington since you left and I know nothing about their movements or plans -

Quincy May 30th
C. L. Robertson

I see by the papers that the Adm intend to recall no one and there will be but few of any resignations, and those who wish to be recalled their places would not be desirable. I am sorry disappointed much my regards to Mrs D & believe me

Your Friend
Wm Richardson

Washington May 30th 1857

Dear Sir

As an effort is being made to improve the building of the "Washington Library Company" and to make addition's to its library, the Committee appointed to solicit subscriptions - beg leave to submit to you the following statement

This Company was chartered in 1814 and among its early patron's were Ex-Presidents - Madison, Monroe & Adam's, J. C. Calhoun, W. H. Crawford, and many prominent citizen's of this metropolis.

The ground's and building - eligibly situated on 11th st south of the avenue, are valued at $2500 - The Library consists of 7.000 volumes of standard literature, and by resolution the company is entitled to all the publication's of Congress and of the Smithsonian Institution

It is now proposed to make the following improvements, viz To add a third story To render the rooms now occupied more attractive and commodious, to improve the exterior of the building, and to re-arrange and increase the present library.

To accomplish these objects it is estimated that $1500 will be required; and to raise the -

amount it is proposed to issue stock, which has heretofore been held at $12 per share. As an inducement however, to those who may wish to become stockholders, stock will be sold at present for $6. per share

The advantages resulting from the success of the present effort are obvious to every one, and cannot well be over-estimated

Our City has long suffered from the limited interest taken in this Institution, and, now that it is proposed to add to its advantages, we would appeal to you for aid, with confidence in your generous interest in the reputation & well being of our city, and in your just appreciation of the advantages, resulting from the dissemination of a pure literature

Respectfully
Your obt servants.

Saml Wilson. A. L. Newton

Wm. G. Moore. Daniel Douglass

Dr. Jno. B. Kreasbey. A. C. Richards

Mr. R. Shepherd W. W. Thompson
Chairman of Committe

J. W. Thompson
Washington
D.C.

Indianapolis, May 30, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglass:

Dear Sir —

I have already enclosed to you some articles from newspapers in this State. I shall send more from time to time. I now send a few. It is not my wish to thrust these things upon your attention. Whatever may be the merit and significance of the things sent, the motive for sending them is good.

It is proper that I should say further, that I write to you without hoping, or even desiring an answer. I can understand and appreciate your motive in maintaining the most scrupulous silence touching the internal politics of our State. If my advice could have any weight with you, I should advise what I understand to be your conduct thus far, — a strict policy of non-interference in our affairs. At the same time, it can not be amiss in me to inform you, from time to time, what falls under my own observation, — especially when its matter and purport affects your reputation.

Jesse D. Bright is here: he has been here, with short intervals of absence for about three weeks. There is trouble in his camp which demands his personal attention. But, notwithstand-

ing his presence, the difficulty is growing from day to day. Two or three Democratic newspapers, and as many Democratic counties, have been read out of the party, at his instance, by his subsidized mouth-piece, the Indianapolis Sentinel. The masses of the people — I mean of the Democratic party — are aroused to a sense of the dishonor which has been brought upon them by his ridiculous ambition, and the unscrupulous conduct of his tools in carrying out his programme. He and his minions are now busy with your name. The conduct of the Cincinnati Enquirer is charged to you, and vague rumors are afloat that you are at the bottom of this new-born spirit of deadly resistance to him. It seems to be Bright's latest move to represent that you are jealous of him as a rival for the Presidency, and that you are "moving heaven and earth" for his overthrow. There seems to be a double object in this. If he should fall — and he will — it will mitigate the shame of his defeat, if it is understood that he fell beneath the lance of a giant adversary. If he should maintain himself, his triumph will be enhanced by the impression that he does it in defiance of your envious opposition. Actuated by this design, and, as you are aware, by a secret feeling of malignity which none but traitors can feel, he takes every opportunity to poison the minds of such Democratic politicians as have any intercourse with him, against you. —

Already it begins to leak out; and in two months from this — may sooner — you may expect his overseers and drivers, his pimps and purveyors, to be proclaiming to our people, that you have the temerity and the egotism to put yourself forward as the rival of Mr. Bright.

What you was pleased to say to Mr Davis and myself at Washington, has, so far as I am concerned, been remembered and acted upon. Your advice has been followed and your counsel kept. The press has been attended to, so far as it could be done in an honorable way. A large division of it, to say the least, has been secured. The primary meetings, &c &c. will not be forgotten or neglected. Our State and Federal Courts, & the Masonic and Odd Fellow's Grand Lodges have been in session here for a week past; and ~~this~~ this opportunity has been had to communicate more freely than can be done on paper, with every part of the State. That opportunity has been well improved. Bright and his minions are scared. Even thus early, — true to their selfish instincts, — some of the most devoted of his adherents betray a disposition to desert him. I speak now of such men as Kent — the infamous — Dunham, English, &c. &c. Some of them you may know. If they are so perturbed and agitated in the beginning, what will be the terror of their souls when the ominous climax falls upon them. Bright has had

the sympathy of our office-hunting politicians; but never of the body of the Democracy of our State. I do not believe he has one friend who will not desert him, when he is stript of patronage and power, and compelled to fall back upon his feeble abilities, and— I was about to say his merits, but he has none. As I have said before,—much to his indignation,— he has held his golden-headed cane over the leaders of our party in this State, and by his actions and deportment said,

"Kiss, as you please or not, the rod,
But if you don't I'll lay it on by God."

And now that the time cometh when he will be remembered only as a public plunderer, an intriguant, and a party tyrant, the timid souls whom he has held in vassalage by intimidation will be ready at the earliest safe moment to flesh their cowardly weapons upon the dead lion— or rather the dead ass, whom they have mistaken for a lion.

We hope to have a first class daily and weekly newspaper here before long— say by the middle of August, "if bowls row right." We could have it now but for the prudential scruples of the printer who is to start it. He looks upon it in the light of a business transaction, in which ten or twelve thousand dollars of his money are to be embarked. We have not money enough to offer him the deficit from now till then. If such a paper is started, I expect to have some influence over it. I intend to direct its course. A central newspaper is our great need. So odious has the Sentinel become,— in part from its imbecility— in part from its fulsome devotion to Bright,

— that it could not, it seems to me, live a month, under the guns of a live paper, backed by the rising clans of of our true Democracy. Those who now support it would cut it off; and with the heavy, hopeless debt now hanging over it, it would fall with ~~you~~ that distinguished rival of yours, (pardon me for my levity,) to whose fortunes it has pinned its hopes. When I have the pleasure of sending you the first number — if ever — you may write it in your tablets, that, whatever the U. S. Senate may do, the days of the peculator are numbered. I am not mistaken in the importance of such a newspaper here. The first question that every unbought Democrat asks me is, "Can't we have an organ, through which to reach the country?" It is the universal cry of the worst abused, and the most infamously betrayed Democracy in the Union!

The difficulty in Indiana is not a mere personal one. It is not a quarrel between two illiterate demagogues, as heretofore. True, an effort is made by Bright to get out the impression that it is the same old Wright & Bright quarrel with which Bright has had no trouble, and by which both have been benefited. But it is not. New men and fighting men have their hands in it; and their aim is to break up the gray-grown cliques and combinations of which Bright is the autocrat — to tear down the factitious reputation and influence of the incompetent, selfish, and corrupt men who have been misrepresenting our Democracy and disgracing our State — to put the party on the proper grounds

touching the financial policy of our State, and to rebuke and kick out the plunderers who have been infesting our camp. They are equally disgusted with the snaky strategy of Bright, ~~and~~ the frothy demagoguism of Wright, and the corruption, subservency and ~~wiles~~ bovine roaring ~~corruption~~ of that swollen hutch of beastliness — Willard. They are for the "coming men" — who are willing to seek office by honorable paths, if at all — who can not be tempted by ambition nor bribed with gold to betray the honor of the State for their own selfish ends — who, above all, ~~and~~ ~~who~~ have decency enough to inspire respect, and sufficient intellect and intelligence to command attention.

But I must beg pardon for my tediousness, and close with my best wishes for your health, and a tribute to your patience, if you should reach this part of my writing.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Gordon Tanner

Gordon Tanner
Indianapolis
Ia.

Saturday 30th

My dear Sir,

Mr Morris informed me this morning that he had met you and had had a conversation in relation to a re-organization of the Editorial corps of the Register — a matter of no small importance to you and the party, as I believe. I conversed with him but a moment. I would like to see you to-morrow (Sunday) and will call at your house at 12 M. Other engagements preclude a call this afternoon.

Very respectfully,
your friend,
Geo. Walker.

Hon S. A Douglas.

Geo Walker
Springfield

at Chicago

Indianapolis, June — 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

Dear Sir—

Alex. Morrison, a Bright man, lets me know that Bright is your enemy on one condition — namely, I infer, that you kick him out of the Senate. But M. says, that it is expected that Bright will compromise with you. He is understood to be almost willing to stand out of your way for the Presidency, and give you Indiana, if you will aid in keeping him in his seat. So M. talks. He, M., admits that B. could not carry this or any other State against you. All this was voluntary on M's. part; for I never speak of you in connection with our politics. This shows that you are figuring in our State. Of course you will feel relieved, in prospect so easy a deliverance from this great man's enmity. Bright idea!

Very Respectfully Yours
G. Tanner

G. Tanner
Indianapolis
Ia.