

Ottawa Ills
18th July 1857

Friend Douglass

General Fay will visit
your City in a few days
with the strongest letters in
his favour for the appointment
of Marshall that any man
has came from this state
give him a lift we
can fight under good appointments
easier than bad ones I have
just returned from Belleville looked
over the proof sheet of the Olive
branch or a little pamphlet
the poor is printing to distribute
in the north you find
it will do good
Geo Walker

Geo E Walker
Ottawa Ill

Oct 18/57

Recommends I Fry
for Marshall

Mr. Abell
Palo Alto
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July 13

Stephen A. Douglas
Springfield Illinois
Chicago

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Deo Mr. Lincoln July 11, 1857 -
New Hampshire Douglass Esq Springfield Illinois
Dear Sir

As you belong to a public man of
our state and wish to do as much as
you can and I trust that and will
not suspect me I have been a Soldier
in two or three wars for the benefit
of the United States and I am crippled
up and have to do nothing and I think
that I am entitled to a pension for long
service and knowing you sir to be
a Gentleman that is kindly to all
Persons I have thought best apply to
Congress for Relief - NB now Dear Sir
if you will be so good as to help
me in this matter I will ever pray
for you sir and your family good
health and happiness please to advise me
on this subject and if you think best
I will draw up a Petition and send
it to you for your approval and
let you to sign and when you
take your seat in Congress to
lay it before the House and try
to have it pass this will be a
great help to me for ever yours

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is prosperous and Rich and
I be Liene. is willing to help ad
Parties and I know that there is
a great many that gets Business
that is not more deserving of them
than me I have seen you sit
often in Washington and believe
that you will be one Justice and
for which I shall be under many
thanks
Very Respectfully
Hov-

Stephen A. Douglas } William Allen
Springfield Illinois }

P.S. I was a Soldier in the fall of
1812 and in the Seminole Indian war
under General Taylor in Florida and
Please to answer soon

J. L. Adams
East Paw Paw Ills

July 18th / 57.

East Paw Paw Dec 10. 1857
Wm Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir, Some time
last Spring there was a few Democrats with
myself petitioned the 2^d Dist. P.M. General
to discontinue the Su Clare Office on the
ground that there was no liable element
living in the vicinity of the office that Mr
Collier recommended and stated to the effect
in our petition the reason that the office
was within 4 miles of East Paw Paw office
and 4 miles of West Paw Paw office and the
Patrons of that office would be better ac-
commodated for mail facilities than the pro-
-pability of the people that live in the interior
of the County as they lived on the road be-
-tween from same station to East & West Paw
Paw, and Mr Laperriere stated the policy that the
present incumbent had pursued and was still
pursuing, that he used the influence of his position
gain him to do all he could to defeat the Demo-
-cratic ticket and was a wholesale buyer of the
-Johns paper and Enquirer, & of Tribune and such
like publications, and to sum up his political
character in a few words, he turned traitor to
our party under previous administration and

Continue. The whole neighborhood is farno=
= North political friends and they did more
to defeat our Candidate for Congress than
any other section of Country around of the
same friends for they had the whole Baptist
Church priest and all to operate against us, and
bring in the files. We have no Representation in Cong=
= res that we can approach hence the reason for
addressing you. I should think the Dept took
no notice of my and my friends petition for
they have sent on for him to enter in to Bail with
the Dept. and proceed to continue in the duties
of his office as P.M. If you will be so good as to
interest yourself in this matter you will con-
fer a lasting obligation upon me and upon the
friends of our Party

To the Hon^{ble} Stephen A. Douglas } Yours Most Obedt
Chicago Ill } W Adams

Omaha Nebraska, I.
July 18th 1857

Now, S. A. Douglas

It may seem presumptuous in me, to intrude myself upon your valuable time, or to seek your favorable consideration, when doubtless there are so many others already favorably known to you who are desiring like favors with myself. But I take this liberty the more readily, perhaps because of your known sympathy for a class of men who are obliged to carve out their fortunes by their own energies. Although a stranger to you I need not say that your own history is as familiar to me as the play ground of my school boy days. Although a young man of but little influence in 1852 I used my utmost endeavors to secure your nomination to the Presidency at that time. And when you were fighting the never to be forgotten battles of Feb, and March, 1854. I wrote you a letter over my own signature expressing my sympathies and hopes. I was the first man in the vicinity of Ohio where I then lived to espouse the principles of the Nebraska bill, and long before its passage I supported it by public speeches, and by published letters. At that time I held the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Tipton (Western Reserve) Ohio,

I was elected in 1853. During the year 1854 all the factions united, and in the fall of 1855 running for that office a second time, although I had filled the office to the entire satisfaction of every man, they beat me by about two to one. I expected it, and was not disappointed. In having been thus addressed and that famous Nelson Reservoir I knew something about the power of fanaticism. I had in about ten years time worked myself from nothing, without friends, without money, or the advantage of early education, to a position at the Bar where I was in competition with the ablest lawyers in Northern Ohio, and I was favorably talked of as the next candidate for Congress against the notorious Joshua R. Giddings. But I had as yet made but little money. My means were very limited, and I had fully determined, when my term of office should expire, in the spring of 1856, to abandon that abolition counting & seek a home in the farm, and accordingly in July last I removed to Quincy Illinois, where during the fall I flattered myself I did some service for Mr Buchanan and the fifth Congressional district. But my business prospects not being as flattering then as I had anticipated, I removed this spring to this place, where I have incurred my means in some real estate and a house for my family, and now again as in Quincy I am about out of business, then being but little doing here in the profession of the law,

I am no seeker after place, for the sake of it, but I should feel dreadfully sorry to have my life prove a failure, especially as I was once on the high way to fame and wealth. I want something to do, something that involves responsibility. I refer to some of the Territorial office, here, not any one in particular, but should prefer one that would not call me too much away from my profession. I do not intend to press this matter. I only suggest it, and should be very glad to receive a line traced by your own pen in response to the subject.

When I left Ohio members of my democratic friends there suggested that I should not want any form of the kind I mention they would most willingly lend a helping hand; for instance Hon. R. F. Pennington late Chief Justice of Ohio, and now U. S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and at Quincy Messrs Morris, Corbin & Brooks mentioned the same thing. And I presume Hon. Thos. A. Richardson would be favorable to me, I could send you numerous newspaper articles that I have written in vindication of the principle of the Kansas Nebraska bill &c, as well as newspaper notices favorable to myself, but I will not tax your attention with any thing of the kind at this time - Hoping to be pardoned for this intrusion & trusting I may have the pleasure of an early reply. I am with great respect

Yours obt. Servt

(over)

Doyle D. Belden

"From the Turnbull Democrat"
Warren Ohio July 1856

PERSONAL.—Our late talented fellow citizen, D. D. Belden, Esq., we learn, purposes locating in the flourishing young city of Quincy, Illinois. Mr. B. was one of the ablest forensic debaters at this bar, and we have no doubt his talents and energy will raise him to an enviable distinction in his new field of enterprise. We're gratified to know that he has buckled on the armor to do battle for the Democratic cause, and will of course do good service. We wish him success.

"Omaha Times"

D. D. Belden, Esq.

This gentleman has removed from Quincy, Ill., to this place, where he has located permanently. The Quincy Herald pays a handsome compliment to Mr. Belden's talents, which we append below:

"D. D. Belden, Esq., late of this city, and formerly from Ohio, has located at Omaha City, Nebraska, with a view to engage in the practice of his profession, and to attend to the business of a general land agent. Mr. Belden is an able lawyer, an accomplished gentleman, and a thorough-going business man; and we unhesitatingly predict for him a useful and brilliant career in the land of his new home in the far west. Success to him in all his undertakings."

D. D. Belden
Omaha City
Nebraska
July 1856

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General order No 1,

N^o 1st Main Vol

(For the protection of the Ballot Box)

Leavenworth July 18 1867

To the People of Kansas

The Convention at Topeka on the 15 inst passed the following resolution

"Resolved that Gen' James H. Lane be appointed by this Convention and authorized to organize the people in the several districts to protect the ballot boxes at the approaching election in Kansas"

Now therefore, in pursuance of the authority thus vested in me I do earnestly request the people of Kansas to form Companies in their various neighborhood, towns and settlements, and every man enroll himself in some one of the same; that when each Company shall contain not less than thirty nor more than eighty men, it elect a Captain, one First & one Second Lieutenant - two Sergeants and two Corporals, and that it make a perfect and complete Roll of its officers and men in accordance with the printed forms which will be transmitted from this office.

It is also desirable and I hereby request that the Captain of each Company shall

Require a Register to be made of all persons in his neighborhood, town, or settlement, if any such there be who shall refuse to enroll himself in said Company and transmit the same with his Company's Roll to this office

When the aforesaid Rolls shall be received Commissions for the Officers will be promptly forwarded after which requisitions for arms signed by the Company's Officers may be sent to the office of the Quarter Master General

Kensers expect every man to do his duty in this matter, the time has come for thorough organization and efficient action - the despotism which has been forced upon us must be overthrown - we must look to the ballot box as the instrumentality of our disenfranchisement and prepare to defend that ballot box at any and every sacrifice against any and every attempt to violate its integrity

The General Staff as organized this day consists of Mr F Conway Adj Genl
E B Whitman Qu Mstr Genl & Mr A Phelps
 Com Genl each with an office in this City

The first of these is the fact that the
 Government has been unable to secure
 the necessary funds to carry out its
 policy of non-interference. This is
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Correspondence may be conducted
with any of these officers and information
at all times obtained from them on the
line of their respective duties

Signed at the Office of the Ady Genl
this day

I H Lane Comdy

By M F Conway Ady Genl KCS

V. A. Douglas Esq

At the request of
Genl Calhoun who is temporarily
absent I forward to you whatever
may be of interest regarding Kansas
the above was found yesterday and
is now in the hands of Gov Walker

Respectfully Yours. W. A. S. S.

W. A. S. S.
Chy. Sec. S. I. C.

Letter from
Mrs Calhoun's
Clark Kansas,

S. H. GOVER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE AND VENERABLE RELICS, FORMERLY BELONGING TO GEN. GEORGE WASHINGTON.—By peremptory orders from the owner, I will sell on **THURSDAY, July 30th,** at 10 o'clock precisely, at my store, No. 84 Baltimore street, the following described valuable **RELICS**, formerly belonging to Gen. George Washington, consisting of a **FIELD or SFT GLASS**, used by Gen. Washington during the Revolution; also, an elegant **GOLD-HEAD CANE**, of Mahoe wood, 4 feet 2 inches long. These relics are fully and perfectly identified by a certificate from George W. P. Cust, Esq., the sole surviving executor of Gen. Washington's will, &c.

The articles can be seen at the store of S. H. GOVER, 84 BALTIMORE STREET, and at the store of S. H. GOVER, 84 BALTIMORE STREET, and at the store of S. H. GOVER, 84 BALTIMORE STREET.

Sold July 18/57

Saml H Gover
Baltimore
Md.



Private

27 May 57

Marion Springs, N. Y.
July 18, 1857.

My dear Sir,

When in Washington, about the middle of May, you mentioned to me that Daniel N. Eldredge, Esq., had been appointed Postmaster at Kano, Kendall Co., Ill.

I have learned from his brother-in-law, who resides in this place, that Mr. Henning, the late P. M. refuses to deliver up the office to him, and until he receives his Commission.

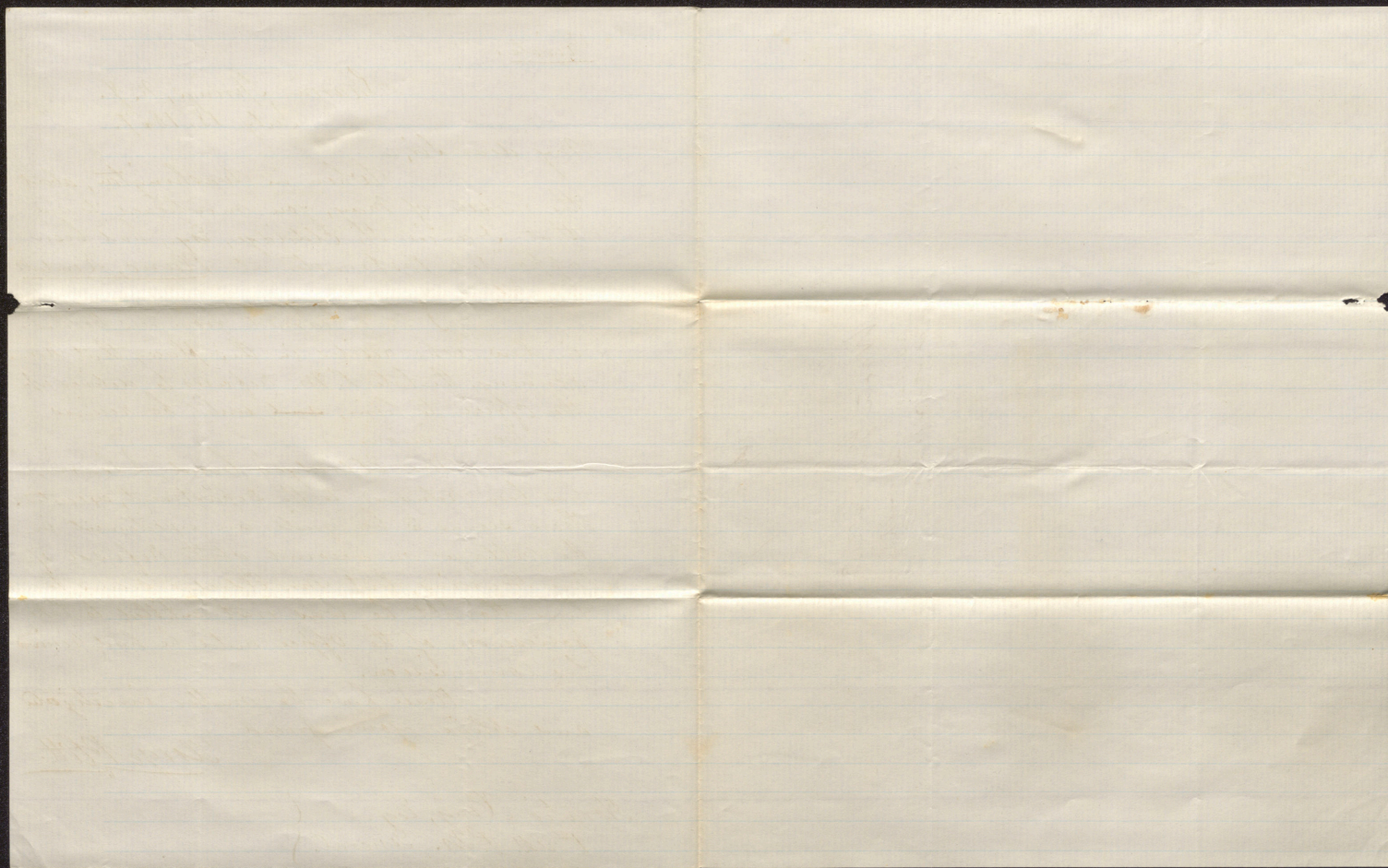
Mr. Eldredge's bond, I learn, has been returned to the Department, executed. There seems to be quite an excitement in the village on account of the refusal of Mr. Henning, but Mr. Eldredge seems to have thought he was not entitled to take possession of the office until he had received his Commission.

Please have the matter investigated and oblige your friend,
George Pitt

Horatio King, Esq. }
1st Asst. P. M. General. }

July 21. 57.

Wrote Geo Pitt En
as directed within
July 21. 57



Whitchall July 19th 1857

Senator Douglas

Sir,

We are about to establish
a thorough Democratic Paper in this town.
The material was kindly lent to us by
Mr. John Wyatt, thinking the material
that constitutes a Printing Office would
be far better in use (especially in a good
cause) than laying idle.

The Terminus of the Rock Island
Railroad, will be at Whitchall, which
with its other advantages, make it the
most important town in the County.

We are both young men, thorough
practical printers, having followed the
business in New York, St. Louis &c. —
but we are commencing at Whitchall
in under adverse circumstances

but hope by perseverance, close application
to business, and doing the principal part
of the work ourselves, there will be no
such word as fail; if we do no other
two men had better try to establish
a Democratic paper in Green County.

We may have a little difficulty with
the editorial department in the first
commencement but that can be remedied
if it should so happen by employing a man
in that capacity.

We would like to publish your
opinion on the Utah difficulty being
apparently an exciting topic; if it was
only half a column, or it might be as
well to copy it from some other paper
which is your supporter.

Hearing that you would pass through
Whitehall, in a few days, our man-
uscript for writing was that you may
give us a call, on our part.

that a few words of instruction
would be of considerable advantage

with due respect -
we remain your obedient servant
Cathley B. Walsingham

Judge Douglas Esq.

Cathey & Worthington
Whitehall
Ills

Unrecord
July 26th 1887

New York July 19/54

Wm S S Douglass
Chicago } Dr Sir

Mrs Strother writes me from Europe stating it is her wish to dispose of her furniture now packed up in Washington a full set of carved furniture for Parlor & Library a beautiful set of Bohemian glass & among the articles which she obtained in Paris. many of the articles are rare and beautiful. if you should wish any of these things I will send you a list with cost etc - there are about six thousand dollars worth

in all for which she wishes
to get five thousand -

Should you desire anything
please address me

Care Clark Stauffer & Co.
New York

Please present my regards to
Mrs Douglass to whom I hope
some day to present my respects
in person -

With my best wishes I am

Yours truly

Thomas S. Day

of St Louis

Thos. D. Day
St Louis
Mo.

July 19th 187.



Madison, Wis. July 19/37

Hon. S. St. Douglas,

My Dear Sir,

I beg to remind
you of your kind promise to write
the Secretary of the Navy in behalf
of my brother Abner Read.
A letter of the kind you indicated
to me will be of the utmost conser-
quences in this case.

I think a decision will soon
be made, and hence the communica-
tion must, in order to avail him,
be soon made. All the testimony
of the government witnesses as well as
that of his own, was of the most fa-
vorable character; and I doubt, not a
letter from you will secure my brother's restoration.
Very Yrs.

Abner Read

Daniel Read
Madison Miss.
augst 19/87,



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Stane Co, Illinois
Burlington July 29/57

Hon S. C. Douglas

Dear Sir

~~was~~ We are awaiting
very patiently for my appointment
for the Burlington Post office.
The present incumbent has moved
some four or five miles of from the
mail route & the office is running
about from house to house the
neighborhood in to it, the black
republicans expect to lose it
and they don't care what becomes
of the office, please to write if my
appointment has been sent I think
it has been sent & they are desirous
as long as they can. I received a line from
C. M. Harington & Co some three
weeks ago he told me that my
appointment would be forth in
ten days. Yours Respectfully
J. W. Elliston

Not before
about the
1840

G. W. Ellithorpe
Burlington
Iowa Co
July 20/92. Dec
About the
Post Office

Rock Island July 20. 1857

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of the 17th inst. was received this morning, and has given me great satisfaction, as I shall now expect the appointment, every day, until I see it announced. I hope you will pardon me for annoying you so much — the matter was of very great importance to me, and the only fear I had was that in the great amount of care upon your mind and the important interests on your hands, you might delay to write.

I notice by a letter in the N.Y. Herald of 16th inst. that

Rumor says that Purser Dobbin, brother of the late Secretary, has resigned his commission. He is now on his way to the United States.

Thanking you again for the endearing obligations I am under to you, and trusting that I never shall forget them

I am as ever

Very respectfully your friend

J. S. Dana

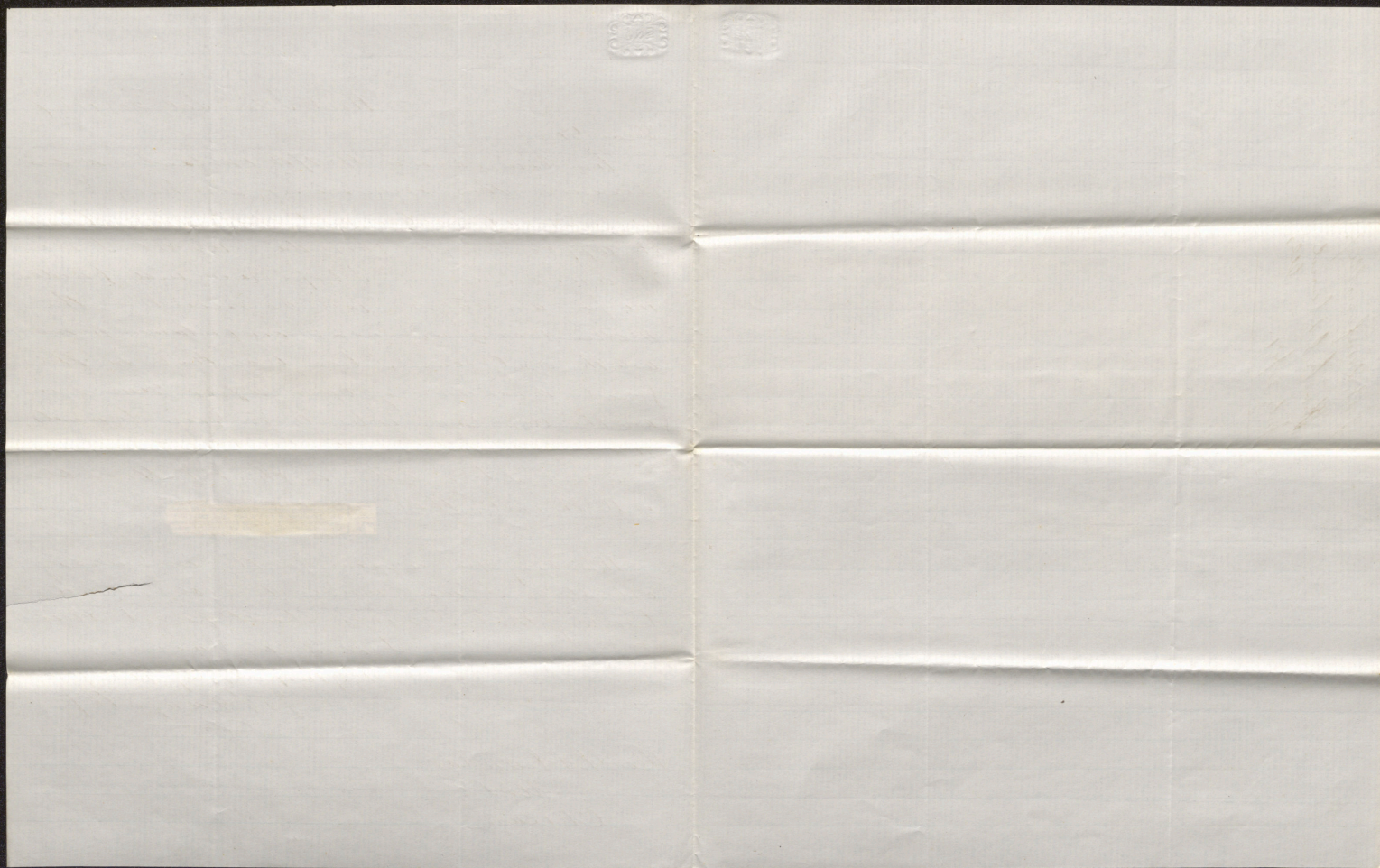
Wm L. Douglas

MSS

Chicago

J. B. Danforth to J.
Rock Island
July 20/57







Rock Island July 20/57

Dear Sir,

The following notice I cut from the Washington States of July 18/57:

Mr. Reynolds has been some eleven years in the service, seven of which have been spent at sea. Purser Thomas B. Nalle has been detached from the Washington Navy Yard, and ordered to the U. S. steam frigate Minisipia, bound to the East Indies, in place of Purser Reynolds, resigned; and Purser Andrew J. Watson has been ordered, in place of Mr. Nalle, to the Washington Navy Yard.

This confirms the notice in the Boston Post of the 11th and renders it certain that there are now three vacant purser-ships.

I understood, when I was at your house in Chicago, that it had been agreed that the first vacancy should be given to Mr. Liddell's friend from Louisiana, and the next should positively be given as recommended by the Illinois delegation in congress. Giving the first to Louisiana, there are now two more vacancies, the first of which it was agreed should be given to Illinois.

For years I have been anxiously waiting for a proper time to push my claims to a place of this sort, and have been particularly desirous of a purser-ship, having

taken some pains to inform myself in regard to its peculiar duties.

For twelve years I have been daily tied down to the tread mill of a news paper, always making my paper almost exclusively political, always advocating every measure of the party, and the election of every regular candidate. There is not one single exception either in regard to men or measures.

Nearly six years of that time has been spent in this county, and in the unwearying and unceasing effort to keep the enemy at bay, and keep our own men up to the line. I have done so, and in the midst of and surrounded by an infected region of disunionists I have laid the foundation for a triumphant democratic county, very soon; I have made the city democratic, beyond a question; kept the enemy at bay in the county where now we are making head and way. At the late town elections we carried every supervisor in the county except 3 and there in the three strongest republican quarters. The aggregate vote of the county showing a democratic majority.

When I came to town I had \$3,500 in cash and credit, nearly six years of hard service here, and twelve in all, leaves me about in the same condition; I owe nothing at all now, and could probably sell out so as to have a trifle more than when I came here. But I am tired. I have no leisure to study or travel and my body as well as mind needs rest. Had I have devoted my energies to business instead of politics I might have been wealthy, but now I am 38 years old, have spent twelve of the best years of my life in the thankless task of editing a paper, and I need rest and change of climate. I am sure I can discharge the duties of a juror acceptably and besides giving me a living it will give a chance for travel and improvement. I am sure, too, that if you insist upon the appointment now, that it will be made. And could you know my anxiety in regard to a change of business and climate I am sure you would not be offended at my importunities, but would write to the secretary of the party and insist upon the appointment, at once.

Very truly Yours Chas. Scott
Jas Danforth

Hon J. S. Douglas
Att
Chicago Ill

J. B. Danforth to
Rock Island
Iles

Indian Agency of the Upper Platte
near Fort Laramie, July 20th 1857.

Worthy

Judge Douglas,

Sir:

Though, personally a stranger
to you, yet one of your constituents, from the fair & beautiful
Illinois, I trust you will pardon me this intrusion
upon your time & attention, when you are made aware, by the
exposition of matters & things which I am about to lay before you
that I address you on a subject of public importance,
in which I have personally or privately no other interest than
that of any other citizen of the Government, who, in the discharge
of his whole duty, takes a pride & a pleasure in seeing that
the Republic receives no detriment.

The subject matter in hand refers to the numerous
who have within the last three months made surreas
into the Valley of the North Platte, within the boundaries
of the Territory of Nebraska, & taken possession of the
the country, in force, if not by force - have erected build-
ings & ploughed & planted several hundred acres of Prairie
at two different places, viz Horse Shoe Creek 120 miles west,
Dodge Creek, 100 miles west of Fort Laramie, having as many
as I can ascertain 500 persons at each post, with a large
stock of Horses, mules & cattle.

I have made special reports of this invasion & occupation of the Indian country to the Hon^{ble} the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I have requested orders & instructions in reference to the manner in which I shall proceed, in order to check & put a stop to these raids which are in my opinion destined to lead to Indian Wars, & produce calamities which every one will deplore.

By the Act known as the Indian Commerce Law, passed by Congress in 1834, & subsequent years, the Indian Agent is required to regulate & control the trade & intercourse between the Indian Tribes, & the Whites of his Agency. But this is a case in which I am powerless; for the Mormons will not observe, or obey any Law, except those of the Mormon Legislature or Church. The latter is the ruling power.

The object of these Mormon posts is plain & obvious enough to me. It is proposed evidently to seize upon this great emigrant road to Oregon & California, by the Mormon Church. I mean to be the Indian trade, the trade with emigrants, which is lucrative, & of course, control by the Saints.

The few Indian Tribes now in the country, not exceeding ten, cannot make any resistance to this monopoly, being too weak.

I will not enter into a detail of the measures that it would appear to be adopted in order to check this evil. But will only suggest that a military force is the only remedy, for the Mormons have no principles, or, at least show none. They are, emphatically, like the Arabs of the Desert. "Their hands are against every man" Who is not a Mormon, it is a grave & serious question for a patriot & Christian to decide, whether or not

they be permitted to occupy Utah, as a Territory, or any Soil of the Republic's Ruler. Far better would it be, perhaps, to apply the axe & cut up root & branch now at once & spare, rather than permit them to grow the sure & certain cause to us, & our children forever. All past history of the Mormon administration, in that there is no other way to deal with them than by force. A Nation & Government are now arising, & not headed by these monsters of iniquity.

I shall be most happy to communicate to you any facts or information which may come within the sphere of my observation, in relation to the conduct & proceedings of the Mormon Church, for I am not very far from the "Saints", standing about midway between them & the power of Civilization.

In order that you may be satisfied as to my character & standing, I refer you to Hon. Senator Davis of Miss: & So. Cal: Delegation in Congress.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas S. Frimp
Indian Agent, Upper Platte

Wm. S. Loring
Fort. Larabee
of
~~July 24/72~~
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Ottawa July 20th 1857
Hon. S. N. Douglass.

Sir. The bearer of this Capt. L. L. Mc Cormick visits Toronto desiring a change in the Peru Post Office and is himself an applicant for the Office. The Question of the propriety of a change Capt. Mc. Cormick is doubtless prepared to represent fully to you solely upon party policy - of this we have no means of judging other than the representation of those who desire a change.

Capt. Mc. Cormick is the active prominent & reliable Party Man in Peru. We would do much & should do so, to meet his views & wishes, while we are bound to say, that the present incumbent Dr. Winslow has always been actively of our Party, but perhaps his quiet neighborly manner has led him to in local matters to forget the proper discipline of Party Rules.

We have no doubt that all statements that Capt. Mc. C. will be strictly true - a change to meet his views would not injuriously or think affect our Party - but would perhaps increase the influence & concentrate the

Strength where now is the activity
~~and~~ energy and perseverance of
our Party Operations — not deeming
it proper for us to interfere to much
with the Party operations of so large
& influential a place as Peru in
our line ask for Capt. Mc Cormick
such attention as his wishes seem to
you to demand & if you do not think
the change expedient nobly dis-
cretion & reasons as you so well
know how to render — He should be
well pleased to see Capt. Mc McCormick within
service to his satisfaction, for he
is competent — Able & willing to
render to the Party. Patriotic
services — Very truly & most
Respectfully Your Friend

Wm. A. Bachman
Jas. H. C.

Ottawa July 31/57
J. L. McCormick Esq.
or sir — I had
just received a letter from
Mr. Leachman requesting
me to forward his letter
to you with explanation
— Mr. L. expected to see
you on Monday July 20 but did
not — he left here on
Tuesday and will spend a
few months with his family
in Middleboro Mass. — he
went away in so much of
a hurry that he forgot
to send to you — but
thought he
I am, yours
Geo. J. Stubbins

Asking for a
Change of Post
Master at
Rex.

Cushman & Wise

July 24/57.



Hon Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

Permit me to
trespass upon your time for one
minute.

Our friend Peter Gorman will
be a candidate for Door-Keeper of
the House of Rep. this Winter. I am
sure he would feel & acknowledge
another added to the many debts
which he owes you, if you
could speak a kind word for
him to any of the Representatives
whom you may meet or communi-
cate with.

I would also feel much indebted
to you, as in addition to my personal
friendship for him, it would (his accept)
place him in a public position which
could aid a plan of his and mine to
put this State right in the next national
Convention. As Ever very Truly Yours &
E. Hammond

Recd with m. lls
20 July 1857



Col E. Hammond
Ellicotts Mills
Howard Co Md;

July 20/57.





Post Office Department,
Appointment Office,
July 20. 1857.

My Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find case
of Plans, &c. I beg leave to call your
attention to the accompanying letter of
Geo. Pitt, Esq. of the 27th inst.

Please return the case & favor
the Department with your advice at an
early day. Coldredges' Commission is still
held up.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
Horatio King
1st apt. P. M. Genl.

Hon S. A. Douglas,
Chicago,
Ill.



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Morris Ill July 20/57
Hon J. A Douglas

Dear Sir

Permit us to introduce to you
George Comerford a good sound
Democrat, who wishes the
appointment of Post Master
at Minooka in this County in
place of E. Tucker a red hat
Black Republican. Mr Comer
ford sent a petition signed
by all the Democrats in his
Town also by a Member here
and by Post Master Harley and
Ellwood & others of Sollet
he presumes his petition has
been mislaid or he has been mis-
represented at the department
knowing that you can procure
the appointment for him
at once we have advised

to see you personally
By procuring him the
office you will oblige
your democratic friends
in Grundy County as the
Minister office in the hands
of a democrat can do
your party a great deal
of good.

We are yours &c
Samuel Le Roy
C. W. Fisher
L. C. Cotton

David Le Roy
& others.

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for P. M. at
Minerva Ills

City of Washington July 22 1857

Hon^{ble} S A Douglas

Dear Sir I received several days since the letter you was kind enough to write in favor of Mr Belam's appointment at Massena in Sicily. I sent the same with Mr Belam's letter and various other similar letters from different persons in the Eastern cities to all ²Deas Sir of S^{ts}. I received also your kind letter to me in which you ask me to read your Springfield Speech and give you my opinion ^{about} certain points in it touching the Dred Scott Case and the Union question. I received from Charley Lempriere a printed copy of the Speech the first that arrived at Washington. I took it forthwith to the Union office, and that was the copy that was published here and was several days in advance of any other paper ^{from} the West. That Speech was all the theme of talk and gossip in Washington for several days after its publication, and was deemed by all one of your best efforts and was and still is approved by all our friends and (out of certain opposition papers) is not condemned by ever our enemies.

What you said about the decision in the Dred Scott Case could not have been better come for the object in view. You seize upon the salient points in the opposition to that decision touch the question whether a negro can be made a citizen of the U.S. under the Constitution and you place all those who insist upon it that the negro is a citizen in the ridiculous and indecent attitude of insisting that the negro

Politically and socially is equal to the white race and has a right to demand that no distinction should be or constitutionally can be made by the congress of the U.S. prejudicial to the black race that is not also applicable to the white race. That part of the case is the great point to rise before the People I find it always an uphill business to argue a constitutional question and a question of international law before the masses. The fewest number of common minds can be made to understand the great and often difficult questions that arise in our complicated system of government state and National. The lines of power of the National Government, where they are located with regard to the personal and municipal rights of the citizen, and what may be done by the nation and what by the state, all of you and me and thousands of others may fully understand yet we cannot make those lines so plain as that the unlearned voter can see them. This is precisely the case in the question as to what Congress may do and may not do in relation to the territories which is decided in that case.

But when we tell them (the masses) that the court decided that the negro was not the equal of the white people either morally or politically and all those who oppose that decision are insisting that the white man his wife his sons and his daughters are no better in this government, and have no more rights and ought not to have any more than the negro, every mind of all the masses however unlearned and ignorant can clearly comprehend it, and

and every one that is not deluded and sunk in the cesspool of fanaticism will revolt at the proposition, and let us make that issue whenever we are called to speak before or discuss the principles of the two political parties of the present. I say the two parties for really I look upon the H.V. party as a mere appendage to the great Negro worshipping party of the day. They are the lackeys to the great black ~~beast~~ beast.

Your proposition about new territory. I am not so clear about as a lawyer. It appears to me that the question is involved in more difficulties growing out of the usurpation of power in the general government to do what you propose. There you seem to see. Is it not clear that the only clause of the constitution under which congress gets the power to organize a territorial ^{government} at all or to originate the germ of a state government is that clause which provides for the admission of new states. This territorial government then put in motion by the U.S. in the territory and under the constitutional power of the U.S. is a political creation, brought into existence and endowed with life and being, and is a part of the ^{and necessary exercise of the power} the act of admitting a new state. In this political being thus created the American citizen there are endowed with ^{vested} certain rights and certain great trust grow up under it. And I doubt the power of congress afterwards to annihilate those rights. If congress has various ^{and growth} laws all of which are necessary parts of the preparatory measures to admit a state, and congress has the right to repeal and destroy one of those acts or growths may not congress repeal them all and

upon that principle what is to prevent Congress from repealing
every law made by Congress in the progress of incubation and
final admission of any new State admitted into this Union since
1789. the day we formed the present National Government. I ask
where you have once admitted the principle, that the power that
brings into existence (the parent for instance) any ~~the~~ living, has a right
^{and the power} to strike that being out of existence. what is to prevent us
from striking a State admitted out of the Union. These States are
partners. the constitution is the articles of partnership. This contains
a clause to admit new partners. but no clause to turn out a partner
we for instance admit a new partner partially by giving him a part
of the profits and benefits of the concern, with a promise to take him
into full partnership so soon as a certain period arrives or a thing
happens, and that prospective partner accepts the offer and comes in
own the whole firm without his consent withdraw this offer or contract
It strikes me there is but one way to do it now that is revolution
it is the same principle that will turn a State out of the Union
or permit a State to withdraw from the Union. It is revolution

I have thrown out those hints to you to be considered I know
your powerful mind and acute perception will at once see
and grasp the subject. I have not time to say more now
yours kindly
Wm L Garrison

I read Mr. C's letter last evening all well remember me to your family

Wm L Garrison
Washington
D.C.

[1857]

Duminy July 20th

Dear Sir

Your friends
here expect you to pay them
a visit before your return
to Washington, and I think
you should disappoint them.

Please let me know
when we may expect you.

Yours very truly

J. A. McKim

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Navy Department,
July 20th, 1857.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 16th instant, calling attention to the application of Col. J. B. Sanforth for an appointment as Purser in the Navy, and to say that the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Purser Reynolds has been filled. Upon the occurrence of the next vacancy, the application will be brought to the attention of the President for his consideration.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

J. Spencer

Hon. S. A. Douglass,
Chicago,
Illinois.

Hon. S. Jones.
Secretary of the
Nav. Washington
D.C. July 20/57.

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July 26th 1857
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