

St. Louis, Mo.
July 21. 1857 -

Mr S A Douglas

Chicago

My Dear Sir

This will introduce my
friend Col Dr. Ballou of Mississippi. The
Col is traveling north for recreation & to see the
country and being a great admirer of yours
desires to make your acquaintance. I introduce
him as a gentleman worthy of your confi-
dence and respect for him. Your kind
consideration

Very truly

Yours

A. G. Brown



A. G. Brown
Atty General
Circuit
Washington
Chas Rogers

Amos A. Dugley
Chicago

Wm. C. Balfour

Geo. H. Brown

Carville July 22. 57

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

The Emperors of Sabin
and vicinity are verry
anxious to have their
Post office discontinued.

The following are among the
many reasons why viz,

The office is a small affair
only yielding from \$4,000 to \$5,000
dollars per quarter to the

Department is located
within two and a half miles
from two other offices & about

4 from this, there is but
one man that will be to

the trouble of tending it,
and he is as black hearted as
long John or old Horace
in proportion to what he knows

he is sole agent for the two
last mentioned gentlemen
and procures subscription
for their papers and by
them addressed to himself
in packages and he distributes
them to his customers gratuit-
ously - he was the loudest
Freedom screamer in that
vicinity during the last
campaign, attended all of
the Black Republican
meetings, and carried his
family, he spares no pains
to denounce every Democrat and
says that he had a letter
from the Sham Democratic
Administration with
S. A. Douglass frank on
it requesting him to
pay over to that party
a sum of money for
electioneering purposes

he further says that he will
do all that he can to hurt
the present Administration
believing them a combination
of border ruffians, and that
he will hold his office
in spite of them all,
what he says with regard to
no other man at that place
keeping the office is true
for every decent man has
been consulted and they
all say that it is more
trouble than it is worth
and they would rather go
to an other office than be
bothered with it themselves -
we got up a petition this
spring to have ~~him~~
removed and another
appointed in his place
we got the appointments
but the man who said he

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would rather take the
office than have it discontinued
would not qualify, and there
the thing stands, —————

The above are some of the
reasons why we want the office
discontinued, and we can do
nothing without your help —

We do consider that while
Timothy Goble has the
management of that office
that its influence is against
us in every respect & the utmost
of his ability, and while the
office only subscribes a few Black
Republicans it had better be
discontinued

Yours Truly

G. W. Norton

P. M.

at Barville
LaSalle co

W

P.S. Please let me hear
from you on this subject
and if this thing can
be accomplished it
will greatly oblige many
Democrats

J. D. Norton

Carlville July 23, 1852

Col Dixon

Dear Sir

I have to day sent Judge
Douglass a letter concerning
that LaBlair Post office
and am very much in
earnest to have that old
sinner and his office
entirely out of the way
as far as it can be done
I will enclose Mr Douglass
letter to you and you
must go forthwith and
see him about it and
if we cannot hoist that
office, then we cannot
have anything but
very influence in that
community -

If you will attend to

To it forthwith and write
to me what you think of
the prospect you will
greatly oblige your
humble servant
G. W. Norton

J. W. Norton
Carlsruhe
see
Hants Post Office
Haverhill

Key West, Fla.

July 22^d 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

My Dear Sir;

First thanking you
for your Springfield speech,
which has now gained opin-
ions in my state, I desire to
introduce to you my friend
Wm R. Hackley Esq. who
has just left Florida, after
a residence of thirty years,
and settled at Solist in
your state with his family,
for a permanent home.—

He is a stranger
in Illinois, but you will
find in him socially, pro-

fistimolly, & poatically,
a gentleman entitled
to your confidence and
respect, and I, who
have known him thirty
years, take pleasure
in saying so. He is a
Virginian, & the son of the
late Robt. R. Wacker.

Any attention it may
be in your power to ex-
tend to your new Constituents
will be grateful to

Wm. A. D. S. &
O. M. S. &

J. R. Mallory

Here S. B. Mallory
Key West
Florida

Entrances Mr
Wm Hackley,



Chicago July 26th

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

Immediately
after the Presidential election
I sent you a communication
with the names of a few good
democrats which I thought would
draw your attention. I commending
me as a person, suited to fill
a situation as I come to any part
of Ireland I heard nothing
about it since. You know
whether I will be appointed
or not it is I think as you say
if you will please let me know
your oblige your humble servant

Chas. Moore

Chas. E. Mone

Chicago Ills

July 22/57.



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Boston, 22nd July 1854.

My Dear Judge.

As you may possibly have noticed, the President has appointed Mr. Naham Capen to the P. Office of Boston, the place for which I made application.

I have now applied to the President for the post of Gent. Appraiser for this Collection District, and with some hope of success, should the administration determine to supersede the present incumbents, Mr. Emery. This gentleman is of little or no political importance himself, but stands upon the Catholic interest, being nominally a Catholic. It is said that he has got the influence of Bishops Hughes and Fitzpatrick to sustain him. Now this may be, I know not, but I can hardly believe that those gentlemen would

would be willing to make any official or clerical interposition in behalf of so insignificant a person, at least.

My object in addressing you at this time is to request your aid in procuring my appointment to that place. I am poor, and need the income of the place to get me out of debt, and support myself and wife; I am fully qualified for the duties of the office by a thorough mercantile education from the time I was fourteen years old until I went to Mexico, and since my return, and can be of essential service to the Democratic party in that capacity, by the numerous opportunities for speaking, aiding its organization, and helping our political friends in various ways, which the traveling duties of a Grand Commissioner afford. Now judge, that is just the state of the case, in brief, and if you are disposed to help me along, by writing to Secy. Cobb, the President, or any other member of the Government, you will confer a great favor upon me, and strengthen

my obligations to serve you as my inclination already dictate.

In reference to the acceptability of my appointment to the Catholic mission, here and elsewhere, there need be no apprehension, for I was an open and decided Repealer in the days of the agitation of the question of repeal of the legislation which between England and Ireland, and said and did as much as any man in New England to help the cause along. I have also been from first to last, an open and decided denouncer of the bigoted doctrines of the 'natives' and at the City & July Innings here, the other day, took the bull by the horns, and publicly denounced the know-nothing doctrines of the City Order at the dinner table. These things I allude to for the purpose of showing that the naturalized citizens when Catholic or not, would applaud my appointment should it be made, and as to the Democratic party generally, there is now a mass of valuable testimony in my behalf on file at the A. B. Sequester's, sufficient to justify the appoint-
(over)

most of half a dozen Gent Appraisers.

I hope you will excuse this long
epistle, and be able to say or do something
for me in return.

Remain, Dear Sir
Very truly your friend
Wm. H. Wright.

Wm. Stephen A. Douglass.

Chicago. Ill.

Wm. H. Wright
Boston
July 29/57

~~Private~~

Cleveland Feb, 23/37

My Dear Sir,

I had intended to keep
you posted from time to time on the
progress of political events in Ohio.
I found out my mistake home that
Manning had not abandoned the fight
and that uncertainty of his position was
embarrassing to some of our mutual friends.
Ch. Sigmond among others - felt bound
by former obligations to support Ch. M. but
told me he would not unless he came
out for Douglas. But Manning has
purchased the Statesman and will settle
down as its editor. And finally writes me
that M. will withdraw and go in
strongly for my nomination. I believe
he will do so and that this settles the
question. Steadman has concluded
to go with his friends & is at work

in the North-west and sends me
word that its 45 votes are sure for me.

Dr. W. L. Dean, Miller, Steadman,
Edgerton, his wife, Olds, Smith,
H. England, Day, and every other
Scotchman were in the state known
to me as such one for me with
one exception.

Rankin is the man
on whom God & the original Brecha-
an men have settled to depend on.

That creature has announced that he
is in Ohio, and I have dried everything
for saying that it is no regular in
N. York & Washington. For the
as far as I know that Cochrane & his
friends regard but struggle with much
interest in the question of its leading
on the coast in 1860.

The exception is the only man who does
wield it in this light is "our cousin".

It is somewhat surprising that while
these exceptions are being made that

by your friends that they should be
daily and almost hourly met by the
blunt but passionate declaration of
one whose consequence is deriving
from his personal connection with
you. He acts like a madman and
a fool. There is not living a man
who is doing you so much harm. He
is infatuated with God's other man who
was within a week taking Gray to task
for so early expressing a preference for
you for the Presidency! All he knows he
is ready to sell you or anybody else to
the North or any man who will take him
on a bet. It is gratifying however
that that man has not the sympathy
in this country and not one in the
State of the young revolution which he has.

Even Carter, who with all his sin
is & has been a fair friend of yours,
has to say between Rhodes' parents out
the damage he was doing you - but you

might as well reason with a
Saw-Log.

But I do not wish to
trouble you with these matters tho' I
thought it better that you should un-
derstand how in this indirect manner
your subscribers sanction is used against
your friends in what is the most
effective struggle.

Our party is not free spirits
in every part of the state. We shall
have a long but lively campaign -
and by an active thorough canvass
we can carry the state.

With best regards
to yourself & Mrs Douglass.

Ever sincerely
your friend
H B Payne
Dear S A Douglass

S A Noble passed a day with me. He
speaks much of Michigan. Says he will
write her into Linn & Ohio and take
the lead in

Private

Cleveland Feb 27/58

My dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble
you again so soon on the subject
of "our course" but a delegation
of our friends has just called and
requested me to do so.

When appealed to by them to don't
only regard to you he replied that you
do not care about it. that he break-
fasted with you recently and you did
^{not} allude to the subject, thence the in-
ference is permitted to be drawn that
you approve his present course.

They say he now threatens to go to
Columbus & raise a cross guard.

They think a line from you to
him requesting as a personal favor
that he will keep still and remain
quiet - will quiet him - I

communicate the request - you
will do with it as your better judgment
shall dictate.

Very respectfully
your friend

Wm. S. A. Douglas H. B. Payne

H. B. Payne
Cleveland
July 28/57. ©

Answered
July 29/57.
by S. A. D.

Lycunore July 23^d 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a letter which has received from Shalbonus Grove in this County the Democrats at that place wish a change in their P. Master. ^{the present P. M.} Marks has a strenuous during the whole campaign. Markings the applicant has always been a staunch forward Democrat and is well qualified for the office there here but 12 votes polled for Richardson in that town and as has the case in the whole of this County any man who dared to say that he was a Dem-
^{was opposed by the public} has under these circumstances I think it best just that the old veterans who have borne the brunt of the Battle should be removed by the officers that are within the gift of the ~~Republican~~ Government. Under the present aspect of affairs no Dem. can be elected to any office in this County. By the way we have got a new Post Office established in this County had a man appointed Post Master who was a violent Republican last fall. he is now ^{for the} in administration, if we only had Semitay sufficient he could change the Politics of the County Yours truly, J. B. Mayo

Z. B. Mayo
Sycamore
Ills

About the
Shubhans,
Groove office

Boston July 24, 1857

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 21st inst ordering 200 copies of your portrait is this day received. I have ordered the printer to print the requisite number of portraits, and will forward them with all possible dispatch.

With many thanks for your liberal patronage, I am

Very truly Yours

Chas. F. Johnson

Wm L. A. Douglas,
Chicago.

C. H. Brainard
Boston

July 24/37.

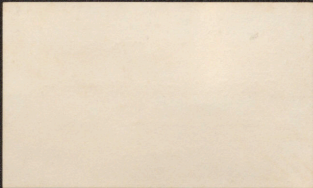
About Lithographs

C. H. BRAINARD,

Print Publisher and Lithographer,

122 Washington, corner of Water St.,

BOSTON.



Albany, July 24th 1857

Dear Sir -

The Lecture Committee of the Young Men's Association of this city desire to learn whether it will be agreeable to yourself to deliver a Lecture before the Association during the coming season -

We Expect to have our Course commence on Thursday the 26th of November next, and to be continued on each succeeding Thursday evening until and including that of the 25th of February following, excepting the evenings of December 24th & 31st -

Please state at which, if any, of the times above mentioned

it will be convenient for
you to lecture, and also upon
what terms

An Answer at your earliest
convenience will greatly oblige

Yours Very Respectfully

J. M. Salter, Chairman
Lecture Com. S. M. A.

J. C. McClure

Albany

N.Y.

July 24/57.



Wilmington City July 24th 1867

Respected Friend,

I am gratified
to learn in this part of
the Keystone State, that
You have availed and able
Defender - on the Democratic
Doctrines set forth in your
Kansas and Nebraska bill

I have been spending
the Summer in this
part of the State. This
being the City of my
Boyhood times. I am
fully satisfied so far as
I can learn Democratic
Sentiment, that they are
determined to bestow higher
Honours, upon you

Four years hence if
your life should be
prolonged - the honest Geo
- many of the country begin
more clearly to understand
that man should be permi-
itted to make laws to
govern themselves. than be
dictated to by any legislative
assembly - and I have
now doubt. that demo-
- cracy will be successful
here this fall -

I hope that Sir. you
will pardon me as I wish
to obtain a little information
as it regards Sgt Tiltles in
your State. My Father
was a Soldier of the
line in the war of (1819)

He received a Patent
No (160) acres of Land. in
the Military district of your
State. as has been dead
for some years, the land
has been sold for taxes.
The point I wish to make
is or now. if they heirs
can redeem - The Land
If you will, condescend to
give me this information
you. Give me a Special
Favour,

Yours with much
Esteem

Geo. McHenry

Hon. S. A. Douglas

direct to Monrovia City
Washington Co. Pa

Geo Mc Henry
Morrongahela
City. Pa.
July 24/57,

Cleveland July 24/57

Sir
Capt L A Kelsey (wh. you
know) is an applicant for one
of the Government vessels now building
for the use of the Lakes

Capt K is a good
sailor & is now, and always has
been, a firm Democrat. If you
can aid him you will confer a
favor upon

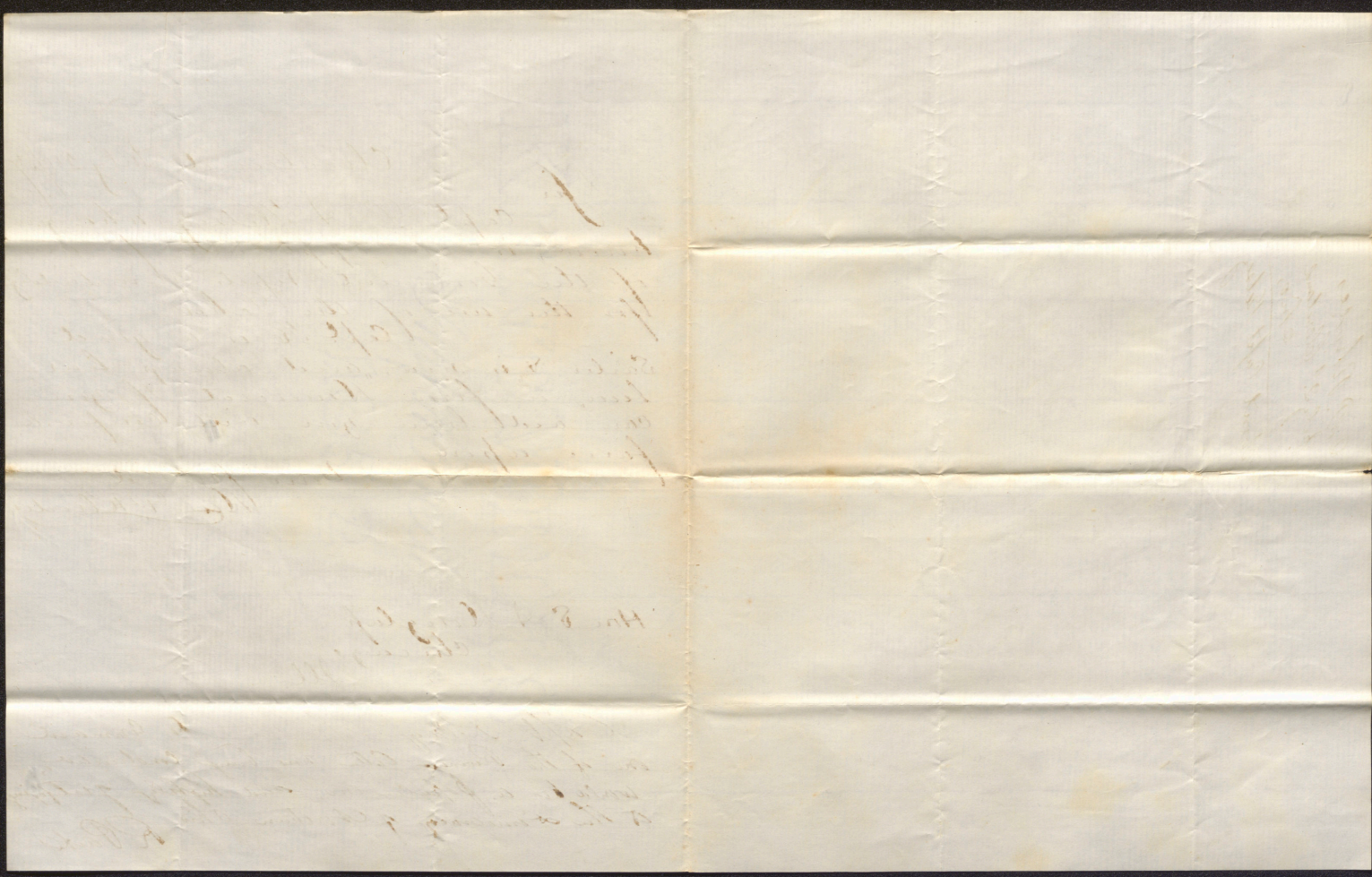
Your friend
R D Rhodes

Hon S A Douglass
Chicago
Ill

Capt Kelsey's appointment to command
one of the Revenue Cutters now being constructed,
would be a popular one, and highly gratifying
to the democracy of Northern Ohio
R Parks

Dr P. Rhodes
July 2.^d Cleveland
Ohio,

about Capt Kelsey



Springfield Mass July 24th 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir considering you the greatest Man of the Age and the principles you advocate the only just principal of Government for this Nation and all others that of Popular Sovereignty the Right for the people to govern themselves by choosing their own Rulers and that such Rulers shall derive all their just authority by the consent of the Governed feeling as I do that any principal which tends to Alienate the feelings of Mankind to be a Curse to Mankind rather than a Blessing

I am aware that much improvement has been made for the last half Century in doing away with that Alienated feeling which exists among the different Nations of the Earth still I think more can be done to establish a great Brotherhood of Nations I am of opinion that great good would result in the Establishment of a system of Universal Language for all Nations as Our Nation is the most Enlightened and Prosperous I think that this Nation could with some degree of propriety ask the different Nations of the Earth to Establish the English Language as the Universal Language for all Nations I do not mean that ^{the} Nations speaking different Language from us shall abandon their Language let all speak their Own and learn the Universal Language which will answer for all except their own if this System of Universal Language

is adopted ~~only~~

two Languages will answer to a great extent for the many
now in use in our Diplomatic relation with Other Nations
one favor I ask of you to give it your Reflections and write
me your opinions on the subject your opinion on the subject
would be of more importance to ~~me~~ than all others
will you please give me your Opinion by Letter if you will
you will confer a great favor on your true Democratic
Friend

Cyrus Underhill at Springfield Mass
to Hon Stephen A Douglas

C Underhill
Springfield
May 24/57

Col. May }
Chicago }
Dear Sir:

University of St. Mary of the Lake, }
CHICAGO, ILL.

July 25th 87

Not being personally acquainted
with Hon. Judge Douglas & yet extremely
desirous to have him present at our
annual Exposition here on Monday
3rd Oct. O. M. I would be under obliga-
tion to you to see him & present him
my profound respect & invitation to
the celebration. Should he feel pleased in
any way, disposed to make some public
acknowledgment of the same, we would all
remember it as a favor.

Of course, you are expected to attend
in person.

Most respectfully,
Yours &c

E. S. M.

E. Spring
July 25, 1857.
Chicago
Ill.

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Washington D.C.
July 25th 1857

Dear Judge

(With a certainty I understand that Mr. Merriam a Clerk in the Post Office Department, having charge of putting up the cases of the appointments and removals of Post Masters in the State of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, has resigned his post to take effect on the 1st day of September next, in fact he informed me himself, he done so knowing that we feel a deep interest in having a man at that Post of the right kind, and in as much as we have not a single Clerk from Illinois in the Post Office Department, and that this place is western in its character, our State can with propriety ask for it, and in my humble opinion, a positive demand from you would secure it.

John P. Shields, of Greenville Bond Co Ills has been recommended by our delegation for a Clerkship in the Post Office Department, and would suggest that his appointment be urged for that place.

In regard to taking one half interest in the State Register I have consulted with my family and friends, and Mrs. Vedder is opposed to the arrangement, and consequently there is no use of considering the matter further I & in my behalf

Your House is progressing finely and will be

finished at the time agreed upon all well.
Respects to Madame Douglas of the 1 Day. &
believe me

Yours True Friend
Nicholas Pinder
N

Chas. A. Douglas
Chicago Ill.



W. Vedder
Washington
D.C.
July 25. 1857.

Mass July 26th 1857

S. A. Douglas

Honored Sir

Not having heard anything from you in reference to our Post Office since I saw you in Chicago and fearing Mr Price may have forgotten to hand you the Petition and letter I left with him. I take the liberty of addressing you in reference to the matter Mr Eldridge the new appointee has made a formal demand of the Office but as his Commission has not come on yet and he did not file his Bonds ^{in due form} Mr Hemming refused to give up the Office and we still hope a Commission for Eldridge will never come but we are satisfied he is trying hard through some friends East and the Black Republicans here to get it, and we should like very much to know how the matter stands if you wish any further assurance that it is the wish of every man ^{in this vicinity} who supported the Election of James Buchanan that Hemming should be reappointed we can get all the Democratic testimony there is

Yours respectfully

Levi Steward

Lewis Steward
Alamo.
July 26/57.

About Post Office





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Home Feb 27-57

Dear Judge,

I have just recd the enclosed
from Eastman - You see he is very
anxious - Says he has not heard from
you yet - Tennessee is a good region &
you might catch there in a single
day -

I have had a bad time - but
am improving -

My kind regards to Mr. Phelps -

Yours friend

Thos L Harris

Am J. A. Douglas

Wm. A.
Thos. L. Harris

Encloses a letter
from E. G. Eastman
Nashville Tenn.

Received July
31st 57, by

S. S. Jones

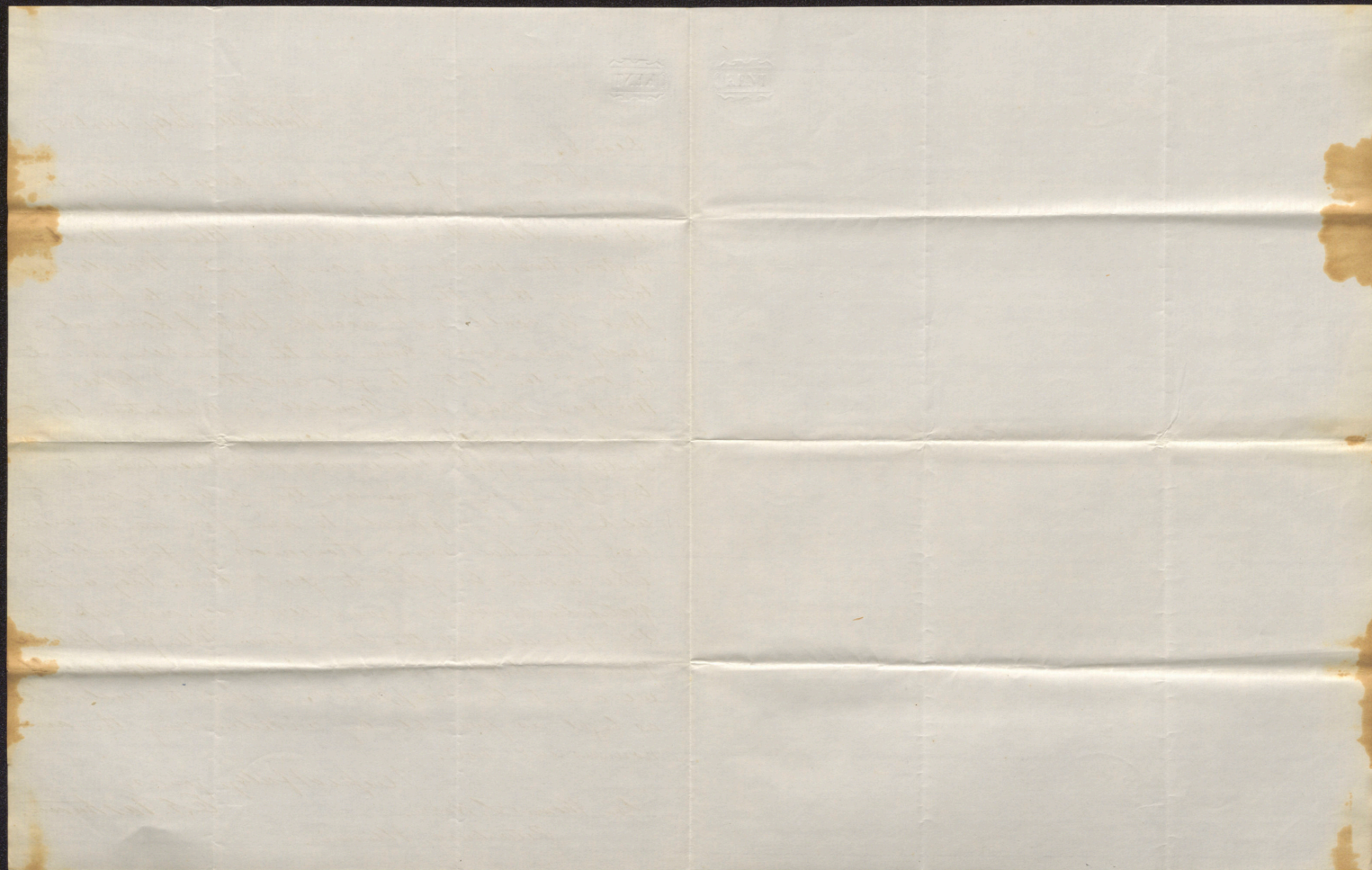
Nashville, July 14, 1857.

Dear Sir:

I have not yet heard from Judge Douglas, in answer to our invitation to deliver an address at our State Fair, in October. When in Washington, two weeks ago, our friend Wendell told me that the Judge had said to him that he could not accept. But I have already announced him as the speaker, and it is now too late to get another. I hope, therefore, that Mr. Wendell is mistaken. But as it is of very great consequence to us that Judge Douglas should accept, I venture to trouble you again on the subject, and to ask you to appeal to him for us to visit us. We have many thousands of friends here who would be glad to greet him. They also gratefully remember your services, and hope to see you also at the same time. Will you please procure a definite answer from the Judge, as if we are to be disappointed, I wish to under it as light as possible by withdrawing the announcement now.

Respectfully, yours,
E. F. Tammam.

Sam. Thomas L. Harris,
Petersburg, Illinois.





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Co. Secrs office
Morris July 27 1854

Hon S. A. Douglass

There is at Minnoka in this County
a very small specimen of a Republican
with very small prejudices and I have no
County doubt but he should be summoned
Mr George Cornerford - a Democrat all
over - and a man of Education and talent
will take the appointment and we wish
him to have it. I understand that Mr
Cornerfords political has been forwarded and
Will you please call the attention of the
Ind Expt Rm Genl to this subject &
Much oblige the Democracy
of Minnoka & Grundy Co & Yours
adv Lat &

Ernest A Armstrong
Co. Sec

P. A. Armstrong
Morris's see
July 27/32.
about the M.
Mniotilta

Washington D.C.

July, 27th 1857.

Sir:

You will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you. Our acquaintance commenced over four years ago, when I was appointed to a Clerkship in the Pension Bureau, since when, in connection with my friends, I have been truly your friend & we have been devoted to your success. My appointment was procured by my friends Hon: Warren, H. Plinson, Hon: B.B. Chapman & J. W. Gray. Mr. Chapman & myself were raised together. Since my appointment I have risen gradually in the Office until a few days since, I was promoted to an \$1800 Clerkship made vacant by the death of Col. Miles. Aside from my qualifications, I was recommended for promotion to an \$1800 Clerkship by our mutual friends Chapman, J. W. Gray, H. B. Payne, N. H. Plinson, Jr. Harman, Hon: S. W. Hall, M.C. elect from the Dist. adjoining me & Judge Waldo, together, with such local influence, as could authoritatively speak in this City.

Since my promotion, I have been extremely annoyed by Daniel M. Cook, of Illinois, formerly of Ohio, who is a

clerk in this Office. Mr. Cook, we, an Applicant for the
place I was appointed to & he, manifested much hostility
to me, he seems to think no man can be a Democrat of
reside in Northern Ohio, he has misrepresented me & done all he
could to distrust my political position. he even complains to the
President, that I was, not his friend (the President) that is, was not
his friend at Cincinnati. I trust you know I have been an ardent
Kansas & Nebraska Democrat, never faltering in my allegiance
to the party. I feel pains that while I have been ardent in my
attachments to Democratic Principles, I should be subjected
to such attacks from Mr. Cook, who to say the least, presents
no fairer recter than need be & whose family in my State
have been so uncompromising in their hostility to that portion
of the Democratic Party, known as Kansas & Nebraska Dem-
ocrats, & to your immediate political friends. It is due, in
all frankness, for me to say to you, that Mr. Cook, Remond will be
asked, of the Secretary of the Interior, I suppose & you will
be asked to acquiesce therein by our mutual friends at
Cleveland & Northern Ohio.

I am but hope, that when
you meet or confer with Sigsbee & Payne, you will
interpose no objection to their demands.

I should
be pleased to hear from you & in the mean

time, believe me to be, Very truly
Yours.

S. C. Blythe.

Wm. S. A. Douglas,
Chicago,
Ill.

S. C. Borfuton
Washington
D.C.
July 27/57.

about Mc Coker

Galena, Ill.
July 27th 1857.

Dear Sir:

I'm exceedingly affirmed
that thro' the persuasion of
B. B. Howard Esq, you
have recommended the removal
of Parker as superintendent
of the public works of
this city; if so, you are

"Sold."

Mr Howard a dough faced
politician and intellectually
a humbug, can't control
Grainfield County.

The removal of Parker
will disgust your friends,

and excite discussion in
the ranks of the fair third
who haven't been free
all their lives at the
public cost.

As, as you ~~to~~ please
they boast that you

will remove Parker.
Very well, if so, it is not
in accordance with the
wishes of the Party, but
at the suggestion of a few
political doctores and
humbugs who can't neither
write nor speak English
who try to handle the
public money.

The nation accords to
you BRAMS, and
you know them, don't
give undubitably proof
to the contrary by the
removal of Parker.

Respectfully
W. H. Parker

R. H. Jackson
Galena
Ills
July 27/87

Washington July 27/57

Dear Judge

There being a great demand for your Springfield Speech, and understanding that there are plenty of them in the Post Office at Chicago, I desire that you would send me as many of them for distribution as you can spare —

It is now reduced to a fixed fact, that none of your early and firm supporters, are to be promoted by the present Administration, so long at least, as there are Know Nothing or a Bill Republics to prefer. I have preped my instructions until I am sick and tired. the Administration of the Interior Dept, is sinking far below the contempt. ~~that~~ that of Mr. McClelland, Jacob, will soon be a first rate Abolitionist. Those old Logies, who got the possession of the Government under Curing & Corwin, and have held it ever since, have got the Members of the present Cabinet as firmly in their possession as they have had the two last preceding ones — nothing but the election of Young America —

will satisfy the people. almost every person who
leaves this City are going away in disgust. altho
Mr Cobb, thinks that he is laying deep plans to
head you, — S. D. Bright, is also here, but I think
that he is powerless. he is cunning and wants watching.

We have, no doubt got a Majority in the next
Congress, and if M. Allen is elected Clerk, I must
try and get a situation under him, for I cannot
stay with my Family in the City at my present
Salary. My son George has been here, and has
went away completely disgusted at the powers that be —
he refused to interfere in my behalf with the President.
observing that if the appliances now made use
of, would not accomplish what I desired, that I
ought to exercise patience until Congress convenes,
when we will give them warm quarters —

if you see Allen I hope that you will interceed with
him for me —

Very Respectfully
Daniel M. Cook

Hon S. A. Douglas
Chicago Ill —

J. Mc Cook
Washington
D. C.

July 27/57.



Sharon Springs, N. Y.
July 27, 1857.

My dear Sir:-

I am obliged to you
for your explanation about
the appointment of P. M. at
Plano, Ill. The office being
in Judge Douglass' own State,
of course, he is the proper person
to consult about the change. I
can know nothing, of course,
about the truth of the charges
preferred against the P. M.;

but I do know that Daniel
H. Eldridge is a Democrat
of the Hard-shell stamp, in
this country, where he has a
large political influence; and
that his relatives and friends
here have become very much
interested in his behalf, since
charges of black republicanism
have been made against him.
He moved to Plano only in
August last, and of course
had no vote at the Presidential

election, but he was neverthe-
less a warm Buchanan
man, and his relatives and
friends here carried this
County for him!

He will become an im-
portant man in Illinois,
and will be able to serve
Judge Douglass greatly whenever
he may need his services.

If the charges against the
P. M. are true, he ought to be
removed, and Mr. Eldridge con-
firmed in his appointment.

You have my permission
to show this to Judge Douglass,
if you think necessary.

Very truly, yours, &
George Pitt.

Horatio King, Esq. }

July 30. 57.

On P. O. business.

Free.

Horatio King, Esq.

First Ass. P. M. General,

Washington, D.C.





Chicago July 27th /57
Had it Douglass

Dear sir I saw a young
friend of mine yesterday perusing
letters to send on to the Department
in order to get the appointment of
Route agent to St Louis I did not
suppose it was necessary for me
to do this If you can get me the
place you will confer a favor on
one who needs it & will attend to it
personally & faithfully

Young Mitchell the appli-
cant referred to has a place at present
in the P.O.

Truly your friend

James S. Spauld

Excuse me for troubling you a
second time Anxious from necessity
impels it

Yrs
J. S. S.

James Speed
Chicago
Ills

Vermillionville Ill, July 24/57
Judge Douglas,

Dear Sir

With gratitude
we acknowledge that through
your instrumentality our Post
Office has been placed back
to this Village; all right—
And we feel it our
duty to inform you of the doings
of our Lowell neighbors in re-
gard to the Post Office in that place.

They have made quite
a noise about the discontinuance
of their Office; are now making a
strong effort to get it re-established.
They appear to have no conscientious
scruples in misrepresenting
things, and have obtained quite
a number of signatures to
their petition, and some of
our Democrats at Tonica have
been induced to lend their
influence to help them get
a Black Republican appointed.

Postmaster, as there is not
a Democrat in Lowell —
They are all opposed to the
present Administration —
and we feel under exist-
ing circumstances, that they
are not entitled to a Post Office
nor in reality do they need
an Office —

With much respect

We remain
Yours Truly
J. M. WOODMAN
Phil. G. Dimmick
P. M.

P. D. Dinick
Post Master
Winchester
N. H.
