

[California.]

Marysville, July 28th 1857.

Dear Sir:

I am, and have been for the last ten years, a sincere admirer of the able manner in which you have enunciated and sustained Democratic principles, and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see you placed in a position commensurate with what I deem your merit. Though, not connected with the Press of this town, I have, and shall have, access to a portion of its columns. As I shall frequently speak of you, I would be enabled to do so with greater precision if I possessed some connected history of your public acts. If you would be kind enough to forward to my address any Congressional documents from which I might glean the desired information, you may be assured that I would regard it as a mark of confidence which should not be used to your disadvantage.

Very respectfully

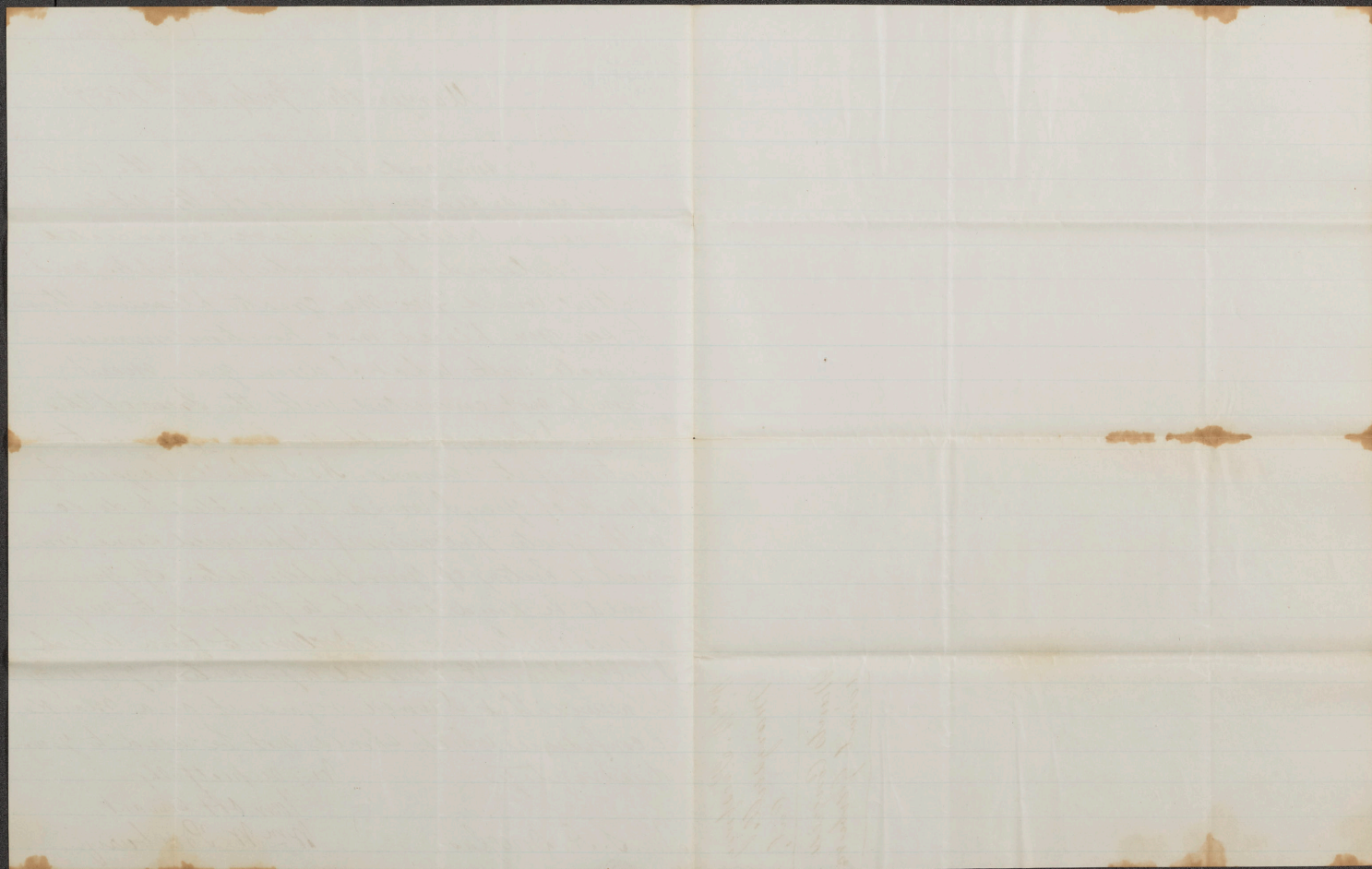
Your obt servant,

Wm W. Presbury.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Wm W. Presbury
Marysville
Cal,

Wants Congress
ional Globe &c



Samarack July 28/57

Sir

I received a letter from our political friend
at Shalbana Grace last Saturday Mr. G. C.
Hawkins in which he thinks he is hard treated
in not receiving the Appointment of Post Master
at his place,

Something like three months since
Mr. Hawkins called on me and requested me to take
some way to satisfy myself in regard to his political
standing and qualifications for a Post Master at his
place, I did so by sending Mr. James Clark (my son
in law) to Mr. Hawkins place where he made all
the Enquiry that he thought necessary and reported
to me fully in Mr. Hawkins favor.

Upon that information I directed a letter to Mr.
Sheehan of the Chicago Times on the subject at the
time that Mr. Hawkins informed me that he spoke
with your Honor on the same subject.

If there is any reason why Mr. Hawkins should not
receive the Appointment it is unknown to me.
Mr. Hawkins thinks that for some reason unknown
to him Mr. Clark of Danboro is a trying to detain
Mr. Marks in the Office notwithstanding he is a
strong opponent of the Democratic Party and
voted against us the last Election.
If Mr. Marks is to be retained at the Exclusion of
good reliable Democrats that had to stand in

the front rank of such a Battle as we had to
fight in this County last November it certainly
seems rather hard if they are capable of filling
the place sought for.

I cannot say aught against Mr. Chas. as I know
in this matter. I know nothing about his
position in the matter except by the way of
Mr. Hunkins there may be good reasons unknown
to me for not granting the request.
If there is not the best of reasons for rejecting the
application I think it should be granted as soon
as possible.

As you well know that we had two
thirds of the Post Office influence against us the
last campaign which carried Wm. Greeley
to many a private to our detriment and loss
of votes.

With grate respect & remain your
friend And devoted servant

Honorable S. A.
Dwight

S. Bacon

L. B. Brown
Lamanauk
July 28/57, Ills
Postmaster.

Hon. S. A. Douglass }
Chicago Ills. }

Joliet, Ills. 28th. July 1857

Dear Sir,

It is desirable
that Samuel B. Nelson, present (Black Republican)
Post Master, at Wallingford Will Co. Ills. be
removed, & that Timothy B. Jones, be appoint-
ed in his stead -

Mr. Nelson took a very active
part, against the Administration last Fall, at
the Election - Mr. Jones is a thorough going
Democrat & is in every way qualified for the
Office - Please have the Change made & the
papers forwarded to the Post Master at this
place (Joliet)

Yours Truly

Uri Osgood -

Over

Wm Osgood
Jehiel Lee
July 28/57.

asko for the
removal of
the Post Master
at Wallingford
Will Co.

Thursd Oct 21, Aug 28/57

Wm O. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

My note of date 14 inst
is yet without notice from you

I regret your indisposition
to correspond with me upon this subject
— I doubt not that your time has
very many shafts upon it, but I think
you will bear me witness, that I
have never been a troublesome cor-
-respondent — I have at no time
during the long period in which you
have been my representative, asked for
any thing for myself, & but seldom for
my friends, and am with very po-
-tential success

But I must again call
your attention to my last note, I do
expect you to either explain or oblige

your position in the matter at issue

It is in the spirit of intimidation
that I say to you that your Democratic
friends turn by a very large majority disapprove
of your position & action

They say you have made a
personal issue with Dagg & upon this
you have based your action - The
issue itself being a false one

I hope you will further explain,
and if Mr. Bramby has the party
enrolled please place your
action upon that ground

You will excuse me for
saying to you that I think your present
position wholly indefensible, either
before your Democratic friends
here, or with the proper department

as it involves merely your
own personal feelings towards
one, who really is sustained by
the great body of the party in
this city & county

Then with some

Yours friend
James Whitcomb
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James Mitchell
Freeport Ills
July 28/82

Chicago July 27. 1857

Mr S. A. Douglass

Your communication of July 25 was received yesterday and, contents noted. That a nuisance exists in the neighborhood of the distillery cannot be doubted.

My object is to ascertain who is legally bound to abate said nuisance. I have agreed to meet the Rail Road authorities on the ground next Tuesday and that we would take the 8 o'clock A.M. Express train, and I would like very much if you could make it convenient to be there and assist in the investigation.

Yours Truly

A. B. Burnham
Health Officer

A. Burman
Health Commr.
Chicago Ills
July 29th /87.



Salut Sir

July 29 1857

Wm S Douglas
W S S
Chicago

I wish to ask a favor
at your hands and perhaps it is asking
too much on ^{my} own name, It is this, many
of the Citizens of Channahon in this County
desire the removal of Henry Henderson as Post
Master of that town & the appointment of
Elisha W. Pullman in his place, I had
a petition which was generally signed by
the Citizens of that place, but have with-
laid it. I have no doubt but that it is
a proper case for removal, and I hope it
will be consistent with your views & duties
to make the request of the Department.
It is perhaps unnecessary for me to state
that Mr Pullman is a man of integrity &
ability or as I should recommend you
otherwise to you. If you should think it
best to have another petition I can send
down and get another. I should be glad

to have you give your early attention to the matter as I have delayed it sometimes thinking I should be able to call upon you at Chicago.

Yours Truly
R. D. Goodell

P. J. Rodell

Salut^{es}

Aug 27/57

Asks for the
removal of
the Post Master
at Channahow
cclos.

Reid Sanders



Beardstown July 29-1857

Dear Sir

Some two weeks ago I wrote to you making you an offer for your interest in some town lots in this place, since when I have heard nothing from you. - In a former letter you said if I made you an offer you would consider the matter. I should be pleased to hear your determination in the matter as early as convenient

Yours Very Respectfully

Wm. S. A. Douglas — S. Emmons

S. Emmons
Beardstown
July 29/57, Ills

about lots,

the Librarian - at Cambridge
New York July 29 1877
Dear Sir
I have two books of 12
vols to you looking for an
offer to your library: as soon
as they are in the place, since
I have been back in this
from your in answer to
your kind of letter for an
offer on which I have the
right to be able to place
to a new collection
in the library as well as
current.

to Cambridge
at Cambridge
July 29 1877
New York

Corning Steuben County NY July 29th 1867
Hon S A Douglass

Dear Sir

I suppose you have seen the appointment of Mr Angel of this State as Minister to Sweden - This took the National Democracy in this district by surprise. Knowing his (Mr Angel's) antecedents as well as we do - and remembering his course in 1848 the disgraceful acts of his in that Campaign - It was his proud boast then that, that, he with the Van Buren party had succeeded in carrying out their plan, that they had defeated General Cass, and they were satisfied. And after all this it seems that Mr Cass quietly stands by and sees all of his old friends (those that have with you and me stood by him 20-30-40 years) sacrifice for this Mr Angel who was among the liars of this pair in 1848 and (to use Mr Angel's own language) make who could dolefully boast and glory in it too that they had defeated that old foggy General Cass. I ask is this just is it as it should be is it right in Mr Cass? After Mr ^{that} Angel has done all the injury he could for him ^{to} come into the party and ~~the~~ receive the honors and rewards due to other men of the party that ^{have} been in the harness all of their political lives and never yet swerved from their political moving Mr Cass may forgive Mr Angel! But the true men

of the National democracy (Mr Casey, ~~the~~ friend) of this district never will. for we love our venerable ^{Mr} friend too well. He (Mr Angel), it is true, ^{was the} Candidate for Member of Congress in this district last year he was nominated by fraud only, and he was very properly defeated. No man of his political character could unite the National Democracy of this district. No matter under what circumstances he might be put forward.

Many would not vote for him, and did not vote for any one for member of Congress -

And if the Senate does not reject him we shall in a measure lose our confidence in its ability to carry out sound National Democratic principles.

Mr Angel now boasts that he has your approval of his appointment that you only wait an opportunity to repair the injury done him in his rejection sometime since that is the -

I am poor and humble but have been an active laborer in the party for 25 years and never yet swerved from my political moorings -

I have watched your political course with great interest ever since you commenced your political life and have approved of every act, and I hope sometime to have the privilege of expressing my approval of course thru the Ballot Box

I would like your views upon the appointment of Mr Angel - I do not believe it to be policy to lay the favor of such men as Mr Angel and sacrifice better and

the ^{more} truth of the party and allow the renegades to receive all the honors and those too that can only be kept in the party by such a course - The guides we get rid of such rotten and useless branches of the party the better and safer it will be for all good and true men;

Please let me hear from you and much oblige yours
Very respectfully and truly
G. W. Skinner

G. W. Skinner
Corning
N. Y.
July 27/87.

Chicopee Falls Mass
July 29. 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Sir

Allow me to hope that the occasion of this note will justify me for troubling you with it. Permit me also to write with frankness, & confidence, as I do also with considerations of high respect, as is becoming men who seek sincerely though in different offices the good of our country.

A friend has just informed me that a copy has been mailed to you of a little vol. entitled Liberty or Slavery. Prize Essays. This circumstance together with the introductory pages of the vol. will explain to you why I write. Let me commend to your perusal the essays, & also a copy of a sermon in wh I have endeavored to shed such light as I can on another important subject.

I have also another thought meriting this note. It is that it may not be

altogether without interest to you as a public man to learn something of the views wh. are disseminated among the people, & wh. (in my judgment it cannot be guessed) are so spreading that they will influence the public mind to an important extent in not a long period. It may be at least a matter of curiosity with you to have an expression from me who watches the course of affairs with interest, & from his peculiar lookant, naturally sees developments wh do not pass under your eye.

It may be proper to say, I sent a copy of the sermon with a private note to Gov. Gardner, & read from him a very courteous reply in wh he says, "Good! I am at one in the main ideas advanced."

I have a profound conviction that those statesmen & those clergymen (acting & speaking as become them in their different spheres of duty) will do most for the welfare of their ^{country} & for their own honor with posterity, who do most to pre-

vent the extension of slavery, by all moral & constitutional & Christian means, not interfering with it in states where it exists by any political means, but leaving it to them to discharge their own obligations as enlightened & Christian states.

An unknown friend has sent me a copy of your speech delivered in the State house of Ill. in June last. Many of the sentiments of that speech have my hearty concurrence, particularly in respect to Utah, & allow me, Sir to say with all freedom as well as respect & sincerity, that when you perceive that slavery ~~destroys~~ an original institution of Jehovah in a manner precisely analogous to that in wh Mormonism destroys a coeval institution, you will work out for yourself a correction of errors wh seem to me to be involved in that speech. If there is an error in regard to this it is an error of many great & good men of our country, who have

grown up from causes that lie far back,
accompanied with an overlooking of the key to the
whole subject of slavery in the Scriptures. By
the Creator's plan the welfare of all states is
built up by three institutions whose privileges
are inherently common to men. Dominion over
right of property, the Sabbath (standing in Gen. 2:
for religion), & the family.

It does not follow however that all Africans
in the country sh^d be upon an equality in all
civil privileges, because they sh^d have from the
hand of God himself their "Dominion," their
Sabbath, & their families." So have these sh^d
terminate slavery as it is, but it w^d still leave
room for a condition of servitude on just, hu-
man & Christian principles. But into this I
cannot now go. It w^d be simply the car-
rying out of your own remark. It does not
follow by any means that because the negro
race are incapable of governing themselves,
therefore they sh^d become slaves & be
treated as such." Moreover the true
welfare of the states in wh^{ch} they must
continue to be servants & laborers forbids
it, ^{for that they sh^d be held as property} but requires that justice sh^d be done
them as men, tho' of course, ignorant &
degraded men.

I meant not to trouble you
so long, but allow me Mr
Douglas, with the frankness &
confidence becoming to men, in this
private & confidential note to add
another thought, a conviction wh
the history of politics confirms while
it rests upon the persuasion that the
light of the Bible, together with other
considerations wh may have more
political power, will restrain & eventu-
ally terminate peacefully the institution
of slavery as such.

No man can ever be elected
President of the U. S. as an opponent
of the principles & policy of those who
would extend slavery, or at least a man
who is so regarded at the North. Mr.
Pierce was not. Mr. Buchanan was not.
As an illustration let me tell you that
during the last campaign the Editor

of the Democratic paper published in the Capitol of Maine said to me, in reference to measures for the extension of slavery. "We spit upon Mr. Atchison. He is no exponent of ours." The cry of Buchanan & "Free Hanges" saved him enough of the North to elect him. Was it honest or dishonest?

No compromise will ever settle slavery. No political measures can ever terminate a question which springs out of religious sentiments drawn from the Bible, & out of the living sense of right in every man's soul. Slavery is as sure to pass away as the white man's "Ammonion" Sabbath & family to stand.

The first President who shall constitutionally give the policy of the nation a direction for freedom, will secure for himself a fame not less than that of Washington, while he

will secure for his country the richest blessings, the purest & safest, as well as most magnificent advancement, in national power & glory.

Excuse my freedom. I have sought for a moment to give you a glance from my own lookout. I know that you must see many things which I cannot. I know also that you cannot appreciate what I have written without pursuing some lines of reflection which may not be new to you. May I ask you that you will give such thought to the topics which come before your mind in connection with this note & the publications, as they may seem to your candor to deserve, & believe me with sentiments of high respect

Yours obedient servant
in the Gospel
P. B. Thurston

R. B. Thurston
Chickadee Falls
Mass.

July 29/57.

Lendo Book

I. C. Department.
Appt. Office,
July 30. 1857.

My dear Sir:

Your note of the 27th
inst. has been received, and with
the other papers in the case of Shaw,
sent to Judge Douglas.

Very respectfully,

Horatio King

George Platt, Esq.
Sharon Springs,
N. Y.

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A resident of the state but a short time. Mr Platt & myself were talking about the matter yesterday. He said that when Douglass received his letter he thought that he would not intrust himself further in procuring the reappointment of Henning, but there may be some one more entitled to the office than you are. When politics are all right ~~who~~ have been residents of the place a longer time than you have. We expect to hear from Washington as soon as Douglass replies to the Department, but I must say that it looks rather dubious, but Mr Platt is bound to carry his point if he can do so - No more at present

Remain as ever yours
 M. N. D. Joyelles

Sharon Spring Aug 3. 57

D. H. Adredge Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote you two weeks ago I have not sent the letter, while this time, I expected to inform you that the matter was settled when I wrote you. but I find that it will take a few days further before a final decision can be had. The annexed from the P. O. Department is the last we have received & you will see that the matter is referred to Judge Douglass. Mr Platt wrote his last letter to the Department with particular reference to the fact that it would be sent to Mr Douglass & therein stated that you was a good standing & that if he (Douglass) wanted to secure a good active friend that you was the man for him to secure. Mr Douglass has written the Department & says that a democrat has been removed & a Black Republican appointed, but I think when he receives Mr Platt's letter he will be a little more pliable. The only objection that now exists, since your politics is established is the fact that you have been

Horatio King
July 30th 57.

About the P.O.
at Plano.

Freeport July 3^d 1837

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Sir

Your extraordinary letter dated June 28th is received in which you say that "upon your first perusal of those proceedings had at Freeport by a Democratic Meeting you forwarded them to the Post office Department with the Statement you was now satisfied that our Bagge was unworthy the Appointment to the office of Post Master and ought not to have it," presuming that I expected you to pursue such a course and infer that I will not be disappointed after initiating those hostile proceedings as you term them.

It is a very extraordinary letter with its language so strangely full of prideful passion with assumed positions that I have the charity to believe, even now, you would not have used, had you perused those Democratic proceedings more dispassionately. You would have wisely withheld any such opinion to the Post office Department which you gave founded upon their first perusal". I think had you soberly and calmly read those proceedings over again, you would have ascertained that they were the deliberate acts and spoke the sincere feelings of the Associate Judgment of a large majority of the Democrats of the City of Freeport who had assembled together in obedience to a call signed by over one hundred of the truest of the national Democratic Constituency of James Buchanan and whatever proceedings then and there had were their not mine as you very wrongfully in your letter assume. It is true, when called upon in the meeting I stated truly what I promised and

assurances you had made to me on behalf of this Recommendation - that you assured me that if a majority of the Democrats here should signify a preference for my appointment over Mr Brawley the present incumbent to the office of Postmaster you would recommend me to the proper department - that some time thereafter I exhibited to you a petition with 12 Signed Requests of their names attached thereto, comprising a large majority of the Democrats of the City accompanied with a request from the leading Democrats of the various towns of this County, certifying that my petition comprised a large majority of said Democrats with additional certificates to the same sent from the Judge and Clerk of the County Court, and that while you acknowledged and called them a Prima facie endorsement you put me off without a recommendation until you should see what had been done by Mr Brawley, agreeing to telegraph to me at Washington City that same week an answer which you never fulfilled, nor had the condescension to inform me why you did not. I also stated to the meeting that Mr Brawley's friends were claiming to have a majority of the Democrats on his petition, and were no doubt making such representations to you whereupon it was necessary they should take such action as would settle with them the question of choice between us. They then took action thereon and decided nearly unanimously for me and because they did so you call such proceedings "hostile" and denominate me as "unworthy" on account of the proceedings of that meeting over which I had no control as the individuals comprising that meeting were as intelligent and honorable a constituency of freemen as you have in this State. Was it not a strange and extraordinary conclusion for the Hon Stephen A Douglas to arrive at that because of the gallant Democracy of this locality in a ready response to his own wish and intimation, have endorsed me publicly and freely that he should denominate such proceedings as "hostile" and myself as "unworthy" on account of the action of those fellow Democrats.

I did not expect you to pursue such a course as you ^{permeate} in your letter attribute to me because the limited acquaintance I have had with you taught me to believe that you would redeem your ~~word~~ ^{word} and maintain your word with fidelity, even should it not seemingly aid directly to bolster an overtowering ambition. Neither did I expect you would freely divorce yourself from the Democracy of the Locality and trample upon a principle eminently Democratic and entertained by National men which you have so lately defended. You also infer in your letter, I shall not be disappointed in your conduct in relation to this matter. But Sir let me tell you that I am, because when you assured me at Washington City that you would add your recommendation to that of a majority of my Democratic fellow-citizens I believed you was sincere and therefore when I presented to you afterwards the unmistakable evidences of their endorsement I was astonished to witness your equivocation and circumvention whereby you trampled upon your own solemn word and as a representative defiantly set at naught the expressed wish of your local constituency. I was disappointed also in not receiving a dispatch at Washington, credulously waiting there some days for a telegraph which you faithfully promised to send me. I am still more disappointed when informed by your letter that you have treated the public expressed wish of the Democrats here with contempt and held your own oft repeated assurances of no value and your word of binding force to be thrown off at will by the flaky edict of passion well known heart of petty tyrants in all ages of the world.

You have seen fit to inform me in your letter

that you have pronounced me unworthy to the P O
Department on account of the proceeding had at
a Democratic meeting here. Let me assure you
Sir, that such announcements to me gives no uneasiness
because nineteenth of the generous and enlightened Democracy
of my Locality have pronounced me worthy to the same
Department and who are my immediate fellow citizens,
who know me, and whose honest judgments will ever
weigh down to the dust anywhere and everywhere all
assurances that may emanate from one whose ambitious
zeal to fortify around the base of his political future
has led him to perform such palpable and
perfidious acts of injustice towards me.

Let me also assure you that those fellow Democrats
will still persist in recommending me as worthy
and if you still persist in denouncing me, the blame
is then made up you and the Democracy and
I intend to look calmly on and hope to see
the passions of our representative somewhat tamed
by the firmness and justice of his Democratic Constitution.

truly Yours

Chas. L. Bagg

Chas. L. Bagg
Barnstable Mass
July 2nd 1870

Chicago July 30th

Hon: S. A. Douglass:

Having an introduction
to you a few days since by Col.
Hamilton, you will excuse me
for the liberty I take in giving
this note of introduction, to the
bearer the Rev. R. S. Bush, now
of Aurora. W. A. is about
proceeding to Kansas as
one of the Missionaries of

the Episcopal Church.

You will confer a favor
on him by commending
him to the attention of any
of your friends in Kansas.

Mr. Atchison, Genl. Sniffell
or others. I mention these gentle-
men for they are known as
friends of the Episcopal
Church.

Respectfully yours
H. N. Bishop
Rector of St. John's Ch,
Union Park.

H. H. Bishop
Chicago Ills
July 30th 1871.

Introduces
Rev Mr Nash

David S. Douglass
Chicago

Washington July 30 1857.

Dear Sir:

It becomes necessary to make immediate arrangements to supply your houses with gas. The Gas Co. will not supply it except when the pipes are already laid in the street in front of the houses. The nearest pipe to your new houses is on H St. running to the printing office. To conduct it to your houses will require the laying down of a 3 inch pipe from H St. north through 2nd St. to I St. - about 600 feet which will cost say \$300. The Gas Co. require you to lay this (main) down at your own expense and they will pay you the cost ^{of it} in gas so that the pipe will be their property after they have supplied you with gas to the extent of the expense you may necessarily therein incur. In other words the Company require you to pay now in advance \$300 or thereabout for Gas to be supplied ~~after~~ whenever needed - this expense to be equally borne by each house.

This work may be done cheaper now than hereafter (before the streets are graded) as the streets are to be filled in about 2 feet. Knowing that I am fully carrying out your views & saving you money by doing it now I have ordered the work to be forthwith done; & I have written a similar letter to Mr. Rice. The Weather is the only obstacle to the work on your houses now on the last story. The roof will be on in five or six days.

Very truly,

L. F. Cannon

J. F. Callan
Washington
July 30th 7. D.C.

Andover. Henry Co. Ill
July 30th. 1857

Hon. Stephen. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

The town of Annawan
in this county situated on the rail road 16 miles
east of Geneseo is a new and a thriving place
and its Postmaster is a man who does not and
never did exert himself for Democratic principles
or democratic men. I have been assured of this
fact by staunch and reliable democrats in
the neighborhood. It has been thought best
for the interests of our party to have the present
incumbent Postmaster removed and John
A. Loving appointed in his place. Mr
Loving is a democratic reliable and sound
a man of ability and well calculated for
the locality. Inclosed is a petition from good
men in his favor. In writing to you at any
time about Postmasters I pledge you that no cliques
or personal considerations have ever induced me to do
so but solely for the interests of our party in this county.

Your Springfield speech has done a vast amount of
good and already a reaction in ^{political} public sentiment
has begun. - Ever Yours friend Wm Graham

Ben Graham

Andover

Henry Co
July 22nd 1887

about the
R.O. at Annapolis
Henry Co Ills

5-Capel Street

Dublin 30 July 1857

To the Honble

Stephen A. Douglas
Senator of the
United States
Washington

Respected Sir

I owe you two
apologies for heretofore writing
to you. and I offer you another
for this ~~late~~ upon your time, and
I feel sure of your acceptance of
them when you consider the cause
& occasion for this last trouble.

Since I had the honor of
seeing you in this city I applied
about 30 times to the party named
in the Memorial herewith sent,
in vain for payment of the same
I advised him the week before

were here for Payment of this
Papay home to your country
I applied to your Secretary
of state, and he sent my Voucher
affidavit and Certificate
of my present Consul, to the
audit office, where it now
lies, waiting the success of
this application to Congress
for which I earnestly request
your kind support,

I venture to send it to you
as you happened to be in Dublin
at that time and can speak
as to whether I should be likely
to make any but a just demand

I take a like liberty with
Hon. Mr. Wickham in the lower House
and I have every confidence in

your joint application
that I will obtain repayment
soon after 4 years of the
sum so advanced, by me
for the Particulars of which
I refer to the short Memorial
hereafter enclosed

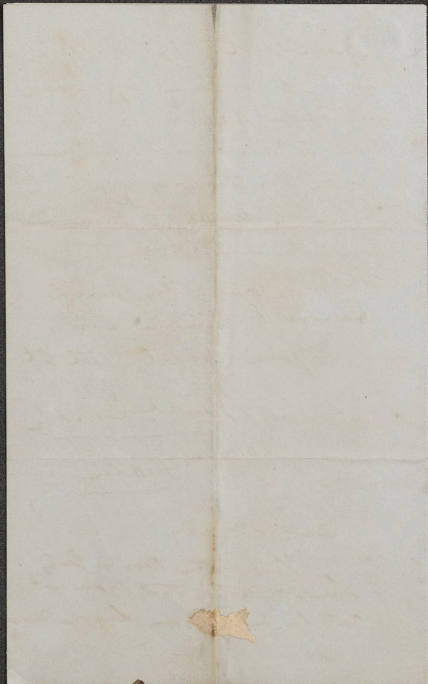
I have the great
Honor to remain Sir
Your most Obedt. St.

Wm. L. Lynch

Dublin

Dec. 15th 1857

I had written them in July
when I reflected that you wd
not be in Lisbon before now



Washington July 30th 1857

Sir

The Commissioner of Patents, has this day resigned, Seth Thompson, has no longer an excuse to give, that, "the Commissioner is opposed to him" it is said that the name of one of your best friends, Col, G. W. Hughes of Maryland, stands connected with the position for appointment. I wish that you would call the attention of Seth Thompson to my application for an examiners position in that Office.

I see a movement here in connection with the Friends of Mr Wise, that I do not like, their aim is to give the nomination to him, with the understanding that you go into the State Department under him, when you would be in the safe line of succession, I replied to the Senate

M. W.

making the proposition, that you could have as/propounded
that position at a much Earlier day by accepting of that
position under the present Administration - but
that your friends ^{will} not permit you to play "Second Fiddle"
to any man. do not be surprised, to find yourself
approached on this Subject Ev'ing, even from Ill's -

the plan of operation will be to throw the Pat
Officers where ever they are worth anything into the hands
of a corrupt Prep, who can be transferred at pleasure -

as I said in my last, I again repeat, that as soon
as circumstances will permit, you ought to
return to this City.

Cobb is on hand, with all his Patronage, Bright with
his low cunning. but we think that Cobb & Wise
can never so unite their interests as to unite the
South against you.

Very Respectfully
Samuel McKim

Hon S A Douglas
Chicago
Ill's

Daniel M^c Cook
Washington
D.C.

Union July 30th 1837

Dear Sir

I have just been informed that there is a going to be a vacancy of Post Agent on the Chicago Alton & St. Louis Road. If such is the case, and you can get the place for Mr. Norton B. Johnson you will not only confer a favour on me,

but you will place in a situation a man to help you as much as any man I know off. he is as true a steel, and one that you can rely on every time. he is now Post Master at Peatorisco. Minnabago Co. and has done more for the circulation of the Times in that Co. than any other man.

Yours Respectfully
Wm W. Johnson

To Hon. S. A. Douglas

Wm. Jackson
Arrived
July 30/57, Dec
about a Mount
Agency on the
Chicago Alton
& St. Louis R.R.
Broad.

London July 30 1887

Dear Sir,
I have just been in-
forming that there is a party to
be a party of 10 to 12
on the 1st of August at 10 o'clock
at the Hotel de Ville, and
you can get the place for the
Hotel de Ville, and you can
only confer a person on the
but you will have in a hotel
on a room to left you a small
as they are known off it is
as there is a hotel and one that
you can get a very good room in
a room but that is all I can
recommend to you and I have
for the information of the hotel
is that the room is very
pleasant and comfortable
The Hotel de Ville
Yours truly,
J. H. C. C. C.

J. H. C. C. C.

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the right page.

Belleville 30th July 1857

Hon: J. A. Douglass

Sir:

as you
are probably informed,
our friend Dr. Albert H. Trapp
is an applicant for the appo-
intment of Consul to one
of the German Cities. Now
I think no appointment could
be made from this section
of the State that would be of
greater advantage to our
political friends - and the
Doctor is eminently qualified
for such an office.

Yr friend & obt^d
A. W. Corina

W. W. Brown
Belleville
July 30/87

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Navy Department,
July 30th, 1857.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 26th instant, and to say that there is no vacancy in the grade of Purser in the Navy at the present time. A vacancy is however anticipated soon, and when it occurs, I will take pleasure in bringing the application of Mr. Sanforth to the consideration of the President.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Isaac Tracey

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

Mr J Toury
Washington
July 30th 1857. D.C.

John D. Thompson
July 22nd 1857

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 22nd instant, and to say that there is no vacancy in the grade of Quartermaster in the 1st Regt of the 1st Cavalry at present, and when it occurs, I will take pleasure in bringing the application of John D. Thompson to the attention of the President.

Very respectfully,
John D. Thompson
Major General

John D. Thompson
Major General
Adjutant

John D. Thompson
July 22nd 1857

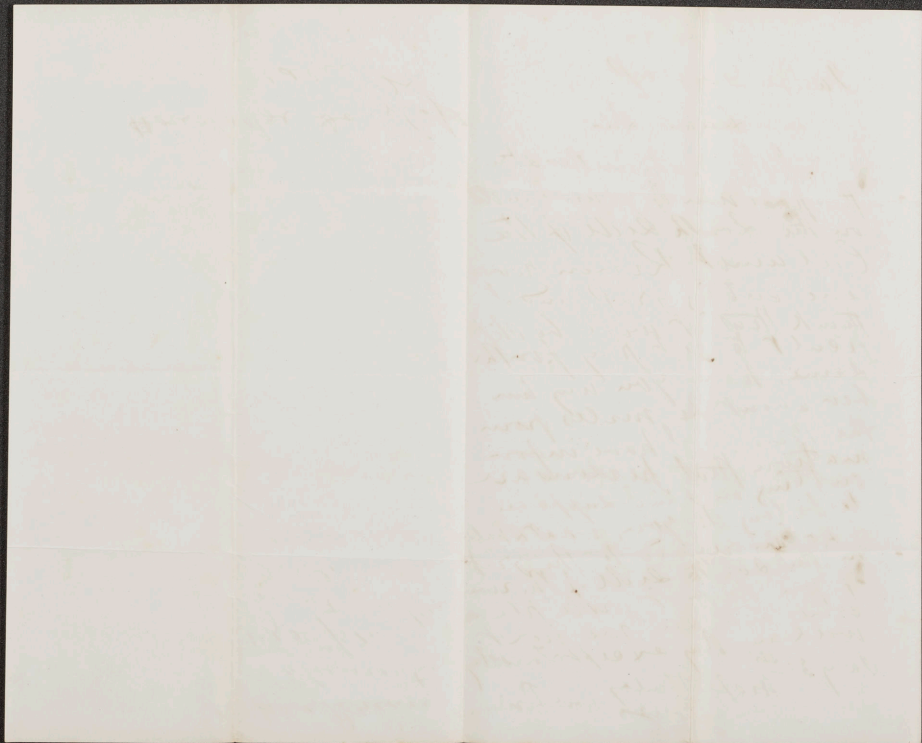
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Very respectfully,
John D. Thompson
Major General
Adjutant

Judge Doyl

Dear Sir

I do not understand
the position of your lands
on the South Side of the
Calumet River, persons
are cutting grass, and I
think that it will be dis-
ficult to get pay for the
same, have you any tim-
ber about 4 miles from
the Bridge I have infor-
mation that persons are
cutting on land supposed
to belong to you, what shall
I do in regard to the grass
on the South Side of the river
if you do not wish please
come and see me next
week any day except Tuesday
July 31st
Respectfully
Yours J. W. Perkins



James, Perian
Calumet,
July 30th 7,
about cutting
map.

Hon Judge Douglas
President

Washington Mo July 31st 39

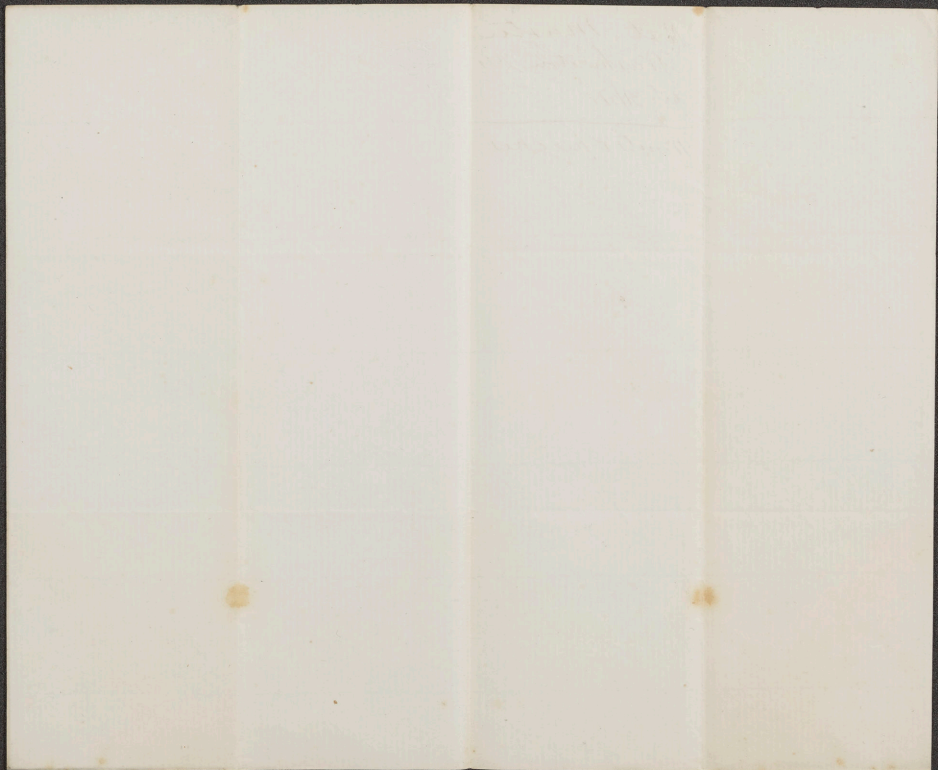
Dear Sir I am first in receipt of your kind letter a reply by return mail

Since the receipt of a few of your Springfield Speeches and a partial circulation a new demand has sprung up and to supply that this is written that you may have 100 Copies Made to this office as the demand is not confined to Tazewell but Woodford and the North West part of Missouri send to this office to make the enquiry if there any left &c

With this hastily sketch I close by I request that you make your office in Tazewell at your earliest convenience Very Truly yours R W Burton

Post Master
Washington D.C.
July 31/57.

Wants Speeches



Carlville July 31st 1857
Hon S. A. Douglas
Chicago. Ill
Dr Sir

Our Mutual friend
Hon Wm L. Harris has by my
solicitation been endeavouring through
Hon John Kelly of N.Y. City to effect
the removal of Albert Taylor
Post Master at Hutton Oswego Co
New York & get appointed in his
place Dr W. B. Shaw a personal
& political friend of mine; — & of
course yours! — I feel no
common interest in this matter
& as the same seems to be
hanging for want of a
word from the proper source
if not inconsistent with your
views permit me request
a line from you to the P.M.
Genl — I enclose a letter
on the subject from one
of the old White Horses of the

party in Fulton - his opinion
is mine - (that having been
my former home) being
personally acquainted
with Taylor & Shaw - I
think - indeed I know -
from a recent visit that
Taylor's removal
& Shaw's appointment
would be a popular &
wise act - Taylor is as
stated in the enclosure letter
a K.M. & has been since
the organization of the
party & as regards character
& influence in that
community - are not to
be mentioned in the
same sentence - If you
can do anything - let
me hear from you

Respectfully Yours
George Judd

Hon. A. A. Douglas

If Assistant
with your feelings & duty
to assist our Iowa State
as nothing requested - do it
& by so doing serve us -
& draw light forth on
the Macoupin Democracy
which will be ^{all} the more

Respectfully Yours

B. S. Barker
Samuel Gilbert
or Messrs. M. M. M. M.

P.S. The broader allusion to
in the enclosure letter is
Nicholas broader of Washington
who knows all the parties -
having formerly lived in
Fulton

Geo. Judd
& others
Carlisle
July 31/57, Ills.

about Post
office at
Fulton N.Y.

A. M. Edward

Paris, Ills

July 31/57,

PACIFIC RAIL ROAD;--NORTHERN ROUTE.

Proposals for forming three companies to continue the road from Lake Superior to Puget Sound. Letter from Mr. Fletcher of Kalorama on the subject.

DEAR SIR:—

I desire to call your attention and request your assistance to the formation of three companies to continue the Northern Pacific Railroad to its ultimate terminus at Puget Sound. Companies are already chartered and donations of land made to the Western boundary of Minnesota. I suggest the propriety of forming a company to be called the MINNESOTA AND DECOTA RAIL ROAD COMPANY, to continue the road through the new territory of Decota, a distance of about three hundred miles, and obtain a charter from the Territorial Legislature at its Next session.

I suggest that a second company be formed at the same time and of the same persons, to be called the DECOTA AND NEBRASKA R. R. Co., to continue the road to the Western boundary of Nebraska, a distance of 700 miles.

And a third company to be called the NEBRASKA AND OKONAGON R. R. Co., to continue the road to the Okonagon river and thence to Puget Sound, a distance of 800 miles. Each of these three companies to make application to the Legislature of the respective Territories for a charter at their next session; and then apply to Congress for such grants of Land as in its wisdom may seem meet.

The course of trade from the Atlantic cities, and from England seems to be centering near the head waters of Lake Superior.

The advent of the great steam boat called the Great Eastern, if successful, will be a new era in steam navigation.

Connected with this, as an event, is the present war with China, which will undoubtedly result in opening the city of Peking to the commerce of Europe and America. Should the experiment of the Great Eastern be successful in navigating the Atlantic, it is probable that another boat called the Great Western will be built to navigate the North Pacific from Puget to Peking.

It is not unreasonable to suppose, in view of what improvements have taken place, that a great alteration may be made in the present fashion of the cars. They may in future be built more in the form of a ship, with a wheel of twice the present diameter placed on a track 19 feet wide;—the freight in the hold, apartments for cabin and staterge passengers, and each car to be propelled by a separate engine. Such a car would allow sleeping apartments and dining saloons.

With the improvements now being made and which will be made hereafter in the mode of travel, the distance may be performed by this route from London to Peking in thirty days.

This then will be the great route of commerce between Europe and Asia. In view of these things I call upon you to assist me to organize these three companies, that the work may speedily commenced for opening this route.

I am one of those who have been advocating a road to the Pacific for twenty years; and I now call upon all those who have been laboring for this same purpose to unite with me in forming these companies. Col. Benton, I be-

lieve, was among the first to unite in favor of opening a route for commerce from the head waters of the Missouri to the head waters of the Oregon. I recollect reading a pamphlet on that subject from his pen, written more than thirty years ago.

Those who have labored early in the morning and through the heat of the noon day sun should now unite in association to complete the good work they have so zealously labored for separately. Prominent, next to Col. Benton, was and is Senator Douglas of Illinois; then Mr Whitney who first boldly projected a rail road from the lakes to the Pacific. Ex-Senator Breese also of Illinois was among the first who proposed the grand alternate sections of land to promote this object. This has now become a government measure and is the only hope the friends of the road have for government assistance. The records of the country show many more worthy names, who have stood prominently forward in urging the completion of a road to the Pacific, many of whom have since departed this life, among them the two Senators from Massachusetts, Webster and John Davis, and the Senators from South Carolina, Calhoun and Butler; and among private individuals not a few were called to their last accounts, before the work for which they labored was begun.

Let us then who remain organize these companies, choose Col. Benton to preside over them, and Gov. Stevens for one of the active managers; and George Peabody for the financial agent, and then with the assistance of the friends of the road as stockholders, and the aid to be expected from Congress, we may reasonably expect success.

The Decota Company will require a capital of ten million dollars. This, with the land grants will be sufficient to make the road. It may be begun immediately and finished to the Missouri river at the same time that the roads through Iowa are finished.

The Okonagon Company will require a capital of twenty million dollars to commence upon, and will begin their road at the best port on Puget Sound, and work eastward, with such diligence as they may. The Nebraska Company, being the central portion, will not be able to do much but organize and survey their road preparatory for their grants of land, and then erect station houses at suitable distances and arrange for a wagon road in summer, and sleighs in winter, that there may be an immediate connexion on this route before the rail is finished.

The surveys have demonstrated the Northern route is the best route for commerce and I also that there are more good lands on this route and more mineral wealth.

Enough has been said and written on this subject; the time of action has now arrived.

You will please to inform me as soon as convenient whether you will be one of the associates to assist in organising one or all of these companies. Address to

CHARLES FOSDICK FLETCHER,
KALORAMA,
Washington, D. C.

July 31. 1857

It is many years since

I thought them to still think that the region above
Columbia river & around Puget Sound is destined to
become an important part of the United States -

Chicago being the eastern terminus - Chicago will
probably then be the greatest city in the world - rivaling
London & Paris & Tokio - The Merchants of Chicago
& property holders ought to take a deep interest in this
Northern route - I am unacquainted with them so
I would send to them direct a copy of my last letter
on that subject - I enclose several to your address
that you may enclose them in envelopes & distribute
among the Merchants of your City - Selecting such as,
you think will be likely to aid the great enterprise

Respectfully
Your Most Obedient
C. R. Ketchum

Chas. F. Fletcher
Washington, D.C.
July 31/57.

Post Office Department
Appointment Office
31st July 1854.

Dear Sir,

The appointment of a Route Agent on the Rail Road line from Joliet, Ills. to Lake Ind. is necessary and will shortly be made.

Saml O Frote, of Joliet, recommended by the Postmaster, Sp. Agt Starns, with the concurrence of Hon. Mr. Morris, is an applicant, also Robt. P. Saunders of Lake Ind. is likewise a candidate for the place.

Is it your desire to make a recommendation before the case shall be submitted to the Post Master General? If so, sufficient delay will be given for that purpose.

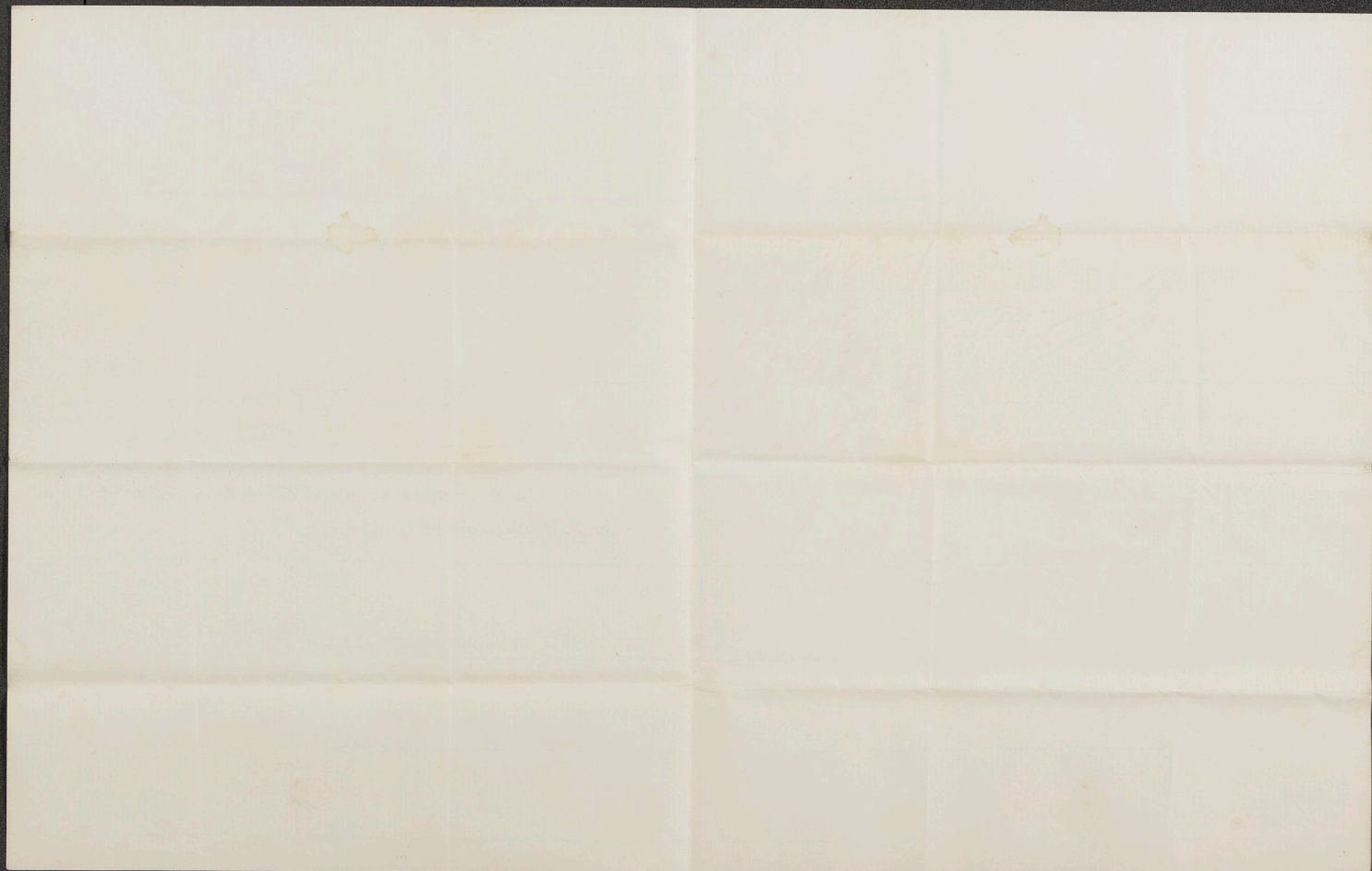
I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.

Noratio King
Asst. Postmaster General.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Chicago,
Ills.

Horatio King
Washington
July 31st 1857,

about the aft,
of a Brant Aft,
from pilot the
Lake Ind.



Durham N. H. Aug 31/37

Wm. D. Douglass

Dr Sir

Yours of the 29th inst is at hand & I
begin to regret the tone of impatience which I can
hardly resist, as though I asked of you some great
sacrifice. You say that "you do not feel
at liberty to ask a friend to be recommended for office
his personal services & character" -

Neither my dear Sir do I, by no means,
I am incapable of it & you ought not
to approach me -

I have tried to tell you in each Enclosure both
that you were in error on this point

I know nothing of Bagg's being your personal
enemy, I certainly know that he has been your
devoted friend, & I further know that he was
your devoted friend, up to the receipt of your
letter, in which you denounce him as "unworthy"
(and for you will please recollect that I dis-
tinctly deny that our meeting was in any sense

unfriendly to you

And if he is now your enemy, & if that
enmity was precipitated by you own, as I
think, hasty action, I submit that I am
not responsible for it & the Democracy here ought
not to be prejudiced thereby

I beg you to drop this fictitious issue
and at once meet the case as it is

The Democracy here hold that as their Representatives
an obligation rests upon you, to carry out their
wishes, when properly expressed

Superadded to this obligation, they have your
promise to Mr. Bagg to recommend the person they
may endorse — they say that they were with
great unanimity, endorsed Bagg, & now
they insist upon a full performance of this
obligation & of this promise — to all of this you
reply that Bagg is your enemy, they rejoice
& say, that, he was not your enemy, and you
find when you refused to recommend, &
that you cannot ask them to become respon-
sible for elections inaugurated by your
refusal

They ask, in short, that you will carry
out, their wishes & then they will take
care that those whom they recommend
to you for office shall act as becomes
your friends to act

I need not say to you that we must
stand by our position, & we think we are
entitled to your aid, but whether ^{granted} ~~granted~~
or refused, we shall insist upon
a change in our P. Office, & a coming
out of the wholesome principle of rotation
in Office in this city

— may I ask the favor of a return
from you again

Very truly your
friend
Wm. H. Stetson

Very ever all incipiently
Yours
J. M.

James Mitchell
Freeport Me
July 31st 1857,

Carrollton Nl July 31/57.

Hon S. A. Douglass

Chicago Ill

My Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find letters of Comdr General Land Office acknowledging the receipt of certificates of purchase of land made under Graduation Act 1854 which I forward for friends who are very anxious to procure patents in most of the cases the purchasers are residing upon and making improvements & should you be able to assist them to procure their patents

at an early day the same
will be duly appre-
ciated and gratefully
remembered

Very Respectfully
Your Friend
& Most Obedt. Servt.,
John Hyatt

Carrollton Miss
John Wyatt
July 31/57,

P.S. You stated some
in the latter part of
June last while I was at
your place that you
contemplated paying
us a visit via Jackson-
ville and would notify
me in time to meet you
at the latter place &c

Our Circuit Court
commences Monday
Sept 7. 1857. and it seems
to me that would be a
good time for you to visit
us as you would
have a much better
opportunity to see the fri-
ends without making
much stir should you
desire that course
There are thousands

herabouts, who are very
anxious to see you and
hope you visit Old
Greene. You ought not
fail to visit Morgan Co.,
as it is one of the doubt-
ful ~~and~~ White room &
let me know your will
upon the subject as
heretofore. I still hold
myself in readiness to serve
you As ever Jno. Hyatt

Hon. S. D.

Chicago July 1857 —

Hon. Stephen A Douglass

Distinguished Sir

We the undersigned
citizens of Chicago would respectfully
inform you that Mr Sigil St. Eakins,
also a citizen of Chicago, is an applicant
for the office of Lieutenant on board
the U. S. Steamer Michigan — We are
personally acquainted with Mr Eakins,
and take pleasure in expressing our
belief and confidence in his capacity
and integrity, and in his fitness for
the office which he seeks — Any influence
which you, Sir, may exert in his favor
will be deemed a personal favor to each
one of us, and received as such —

Very Respectfully,

J Hook
Francis J Grand

Richd W Hamillow

I Cook and
others ashore the
apt of Virgil H.
Eachus as Lieutenant
on board the U.S.
Steamer Mohican
