

Cincinnati.
Jan'y 21/58.

Mr B. Barry
Widows Pension

Howd S. A. Douglas
Esq

I had the honor of handing
you at Washington the letter of our
good Uncle Bishop Purcell
(requesting) your influence to aid
a class of Very Needy Widows who
reside in this County.

They are persons
under Act 3rd Feb'y 1855 at a sum of
\$5⁰⁰ pr Month they now apply for
Whole Pay. Their petition is before
the Committee of Claims of your
House, I trust you will find
these persons worthy of support
when the bill comes up for
acting, hoping that Health and
Political prosperity be with you
untill 1860 that your friends

Many say with the scripture
He will do good and
faithful servant, receive
your reward, the wish
of your obt. humble
and friend
Wm. B. Barry

I should be happy to
receive any specimen or
political document you
might think proper
to send me

Legislator City Mich
 January 21. 1858

Wm Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

You are I doubt
 not overwhelmed with letters from strangers to
 you in whom you of course can feel not
 particular interest. Yet at the risk of
 boring you I cannot overcome the inclination
 to write you.

I am a Democrat - have always been
 one since I became a voter. In common with
 large numbers of Democrats of the North I did
 not like the repeal of the Missouri Compromise
 Not that I had any objection to the principle
 of Popular Sovereignty as applied to the
 territories as well as the States but I thought
 that as to the territory which was the
 subject of that Compromise it would
 have been better as a matter of policy
 that that Compromise should have been
 left undisturbed. This opinion as to
 the policy of repealing the Missouri restriction
 I have since seen occasion to change

The principle of allowing the territories to settle their own affairs in their own way is evidently the only one upon which those territories can be peaceably settled. ever the principle is in itself right & Democratic. That principle could never have been established had the Missouri Compromise remained. It was only by that repeal at that time that the great principle of Popular sovereignty could have been extended to the territories. As a humble citizen therefore in common with many fellow Democrats who blamed you for your agency in the repeal I now heartily thank you for that act.

But not alone by the establishment of the principle of Popular sovereignty in the territories have you won our gratitude. By your bold and manly exposure of that principle when assailed by those from whom we have a right to expect better things you have established yourself in our hearts forever. And you will succeed. The great mass of Democrats

of the country are with you heart & soul. I doubt not that the ^{most} rabid fire eaters of the South respect you the more for your manly exposure of the great principle. In Northern Michigan there is but one sentiment. We are all Douglas Democrats here. Even the Republicans - I mean the rank & file - are with you. They would be leaders of that party of course fearing that this occupation will be gone if your policy succeeds of course impugn your motives. But all honest men of all parties in this region bid you God-speed. And more more heartily than

Your humble servant
George B. Benedict

Saginaw City, Mich

Jan 21/58

Geo. B. Benedict

Political

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Bainbridge Jan 21th 1858

Mr S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir I beg permission to introduce myself (Jacob Berner) to you with my compliments and hope that this letter will come safe to hand and find you well & hearty and able to attend to the duties of a United States Senator and legislating for the best of your abilities for the best interest of the people of these United States of America as a nation. I am well & hearty and able for my allowance as far as I can get them at this time.

I want you if you will please to do so to send me a copy or two of your speeches made at this session of Congress on the Kansas question and as many other arguments as you can conveniently.

I should like to get a copy of the Second & Third volume of the Explorations & Surveys for a Rail Road Route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. I should be very glad to get the two volumes from you or any other Senator please to remember me in your distribution of the Public Documents and thereby much oblige yours Respectfully

Jacob Berner

Bainbridge
Ross County
Ohio

Bainbridge Co.
Jan'y 21/58
Jacob Bunker.

Galena Jan. 21st 1858

Hon S. A Douglas,

Sir,

Excuse the
Liberty I take in thus troubling
you. It will benefit our party
if you will send some few
documents in the English and
German Languages, to be dis-
tributed, to Henry Mayfield
and H. De Jager, accompanied
with a few lines from yourself.
Mayfield has considerable in-
fluence, and is a little dis-
appointed that of late years he
has received nothing under
your frame. I know I write
the sentiments of our Democratic
party here when I write

"We stand or fall with you"

Yours with respect
Robt Brand

Galena, Ill
Jan'y 20/58
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GALENA, September 1, 1857.

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GALLOP, September 1, 1901

Des Moines Iowa
Jun. 21st 1858.

Dear Sir

Will you please send me
Copies of all yr recent speeches on
the Kansas Nebraska Bills &c &c
also a copy of the Patent office
report for 1856 & 57.

Yrs truly

J. V. Davis

J. Bird
Weston
Iowa —

Waus-Speeches
+ Pat off Re'
1856-57.

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THOS. F.



Heuntsville Jan'y 21 1858

Dear Sir //

The will of Samuel Townsena died recently established in the Probate Court of this County, directs, that forty of his slaves shall be removed to some state or territory and emancipated; and that after such emancipation, a permanent place of settlement shall be selected for them by his Executors, to which they must be removed at the expense of his estate - He expresses a preference for their settlement upon the ~~African~~ American Continent, and desires that in making a selection of the Country, his Executors will act with a view to the ultimate improvement and happiness of his servants, as well as the welfare of their descendants -

I am nominated as an Executor of his will and feel desirous of carrying out his wishes //

It has been deemed necessary in the Slave holding States to enact Laws prohibiting the settlement of free negroes within their limits; and I am informed that similar Statutes have been enacted in many of the Non Slaveholding States -

Not having convenient access to the Statutes of your State, I take ~~the~~ liberty

of applying to you for information relative
to any laws touching the privilege and
disabilities of free negroes - If prohibited
from making a permanent settlement, how
long would they be permitted to remain
after their emancipation? The testator
has made liberal provisions for them by
his will, and it is not probable that
they will ever become a charge upon
the Charitable institutions of the State
if settled there; the estate left them
being over \$200,000.

Can they be settled in Kansas during
the coming Spring, without violating
the laws now, or likely to be in force in
that territory?

I will feel thankful for any
suggestions you may think proper to make
as to the most desirable place of location
for them, temporary or permanent.

An early reply will place me under
obligations -

Wm. Kirk Riggs

Yours &c

J. B. Stanton

Wm. Stephen A. Douglass,
Washington City

Humboldt
Jan'y 21/58-

S. D. Cabanis.

Relative to a
settlement of
Negroes. —

An Answer desired.



2875
Sewisburg, Greenbrier County, Va.
January 21st 1858

Respected Sir

Would you would procure send me some of the Wild or northern
Rice seed, which is indigenous about our northern lakes, the great altitude
of my land on top of the Alleghany, gives a climate I think of the same
temperature of those lakes, Please to forward me a general supply of seeds
of grass, &c for garden, and please to send me all the documents, maps of
Survey, Speeches, &c.

Yours most respectfully
W. F. Caldwell
Sentist

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

Received of
Stephen A. Douglas
Washington D. C.
Jan 21 1858
W. F. Caldwell
Sewisburg, Va.

J. F. Kealawell
Serrisburgh
Greenbrier Co. W. Va.
July 21/58.
Wants Wild Rice
Seed - also all
other kinds of seeds
Speeches - maps
doc of the

Weston Mo.

Jan'y. 21. 1858

Dear Douglas - Maj. L. P. Graham, Capt. and Maj. by brevet of the U. S. Army desires an appointment of Lieut. Col. in one of the proposed new Regiments. He will hand you this and it may be that I shall see you before he does. In any event, if you have the disposition to serve an old friend, you could please him more by aiding Maj. Graham in the way indicated than in all other ways combined. I need add nothing of his character as an officer a soldier or a gentleman for the first officer you meet can tell you all you could desire of one you might endorse. He

to my warm personal friend,
and tho' I might interest
myself for others yet I re-
gard this favor as above all
others.

Respectfully
Your friend
J. Calhoun

Weston. Mo:
Jan'y 21/58
J. Calhoun.
Relative to Major
S. P. Graham.

Cloughsville

Jan'y 21/58.

Chas F Clough.

Congratulating



2877

Cloughsville in Hopkinton Jan 21/58
Hon S. A. Clough

Sir as I was
Reading your Speech of Dec 24th/57
Sir Permit me in brief words to
Express my heart felt joy in
knowing that there is in the
Halls of Congress a Washington
or a Jackson at least
may that God that Giveth life
straight wisdom and understanding
to man. may he Bless you
with yours till you are a
Hundred years old

This is the sincere Desire of your
Friend Charles F Clough to

Hon S. A. Clough
Washington City,
D. C.



all in a row
the first
the second
the third

A. H. Cragin.
 House Reps
 Jan'y 21/58.
 Wants 10 speeches
 franked,
 Sent

House of Reps.
 Jan'y. 21. 1858.
 Judge Douglas. A Democratic
 friend of mine in New Hamp-
 shire is desirous of receiving
 a few copies of some great
 speech, franked by yourself,
 for distribution. You will
 oblige me by sending a
 few, so franked, to me.
 10 Copies will be enough.

Truly Yours
 A. H. Cragin



Mr. H. J. ...
H. J. ...
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...
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Oshkosh Jan 21st 1868

Mr Douglas Dear Sir

There are some important questions
to come before this Congress which
I feel some interest in in order
that our country may improve
as she ever has under Democratic
Admin. Therefore you will do me
a favour by sending speeches of defunct
men and other documents necessary
to inform me of your doings.

Yours friend and
Obedient Servant

C. A. Douglas, Esq.

C. C. Drew,
Oshkosh, Wis.



C. C. Drew
Osh Kosh
Jun 21 / 58

want speech
& other documents

C. W. Eastman
Sharon

Henry Co
Feb. 21. Ill.

Wm. L. Davis

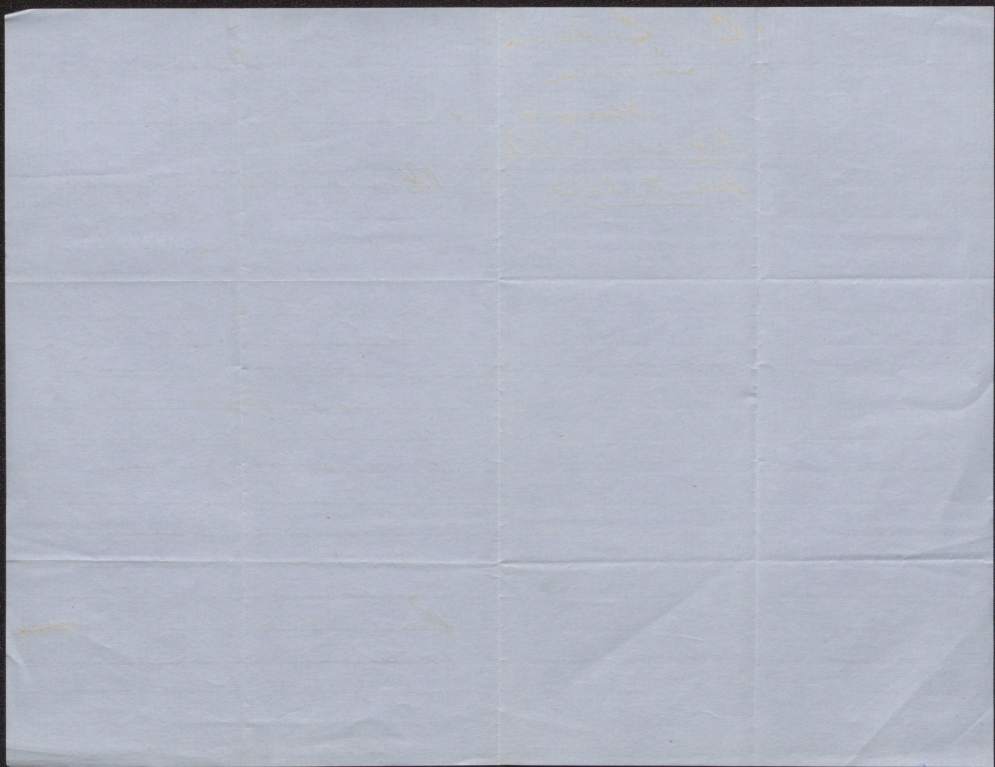
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Feb. 21. 1858

Sharon Henry Co. Illinois

Wm. L. A. Douglass
Sir

Last Summer I recd
from you some specimens
for which I am much
obliged since then I have
removed to this County &
am aware that there is
many State Game Warden -
Game, - Offenders - Wags
&c. particularly authority
of Congress if you will
send the Birds to me
my something of the
kind I shall be very
grateful to you
Yours Respectfully

C. W. Eastman



Private

Lynchburg. Va
Jan 21st 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

gratified
 to be assured by you - that I have
 not mistaken your future rela-
 tions and intentions towards the
 Democratic party of the country.
 Your past career had won for
 you a brilliant reputation
 in the South, and one which would
 have insured you a united South-
 ern vote in the next Presidential
 race. It was for this reason that,
 in common with your nume-
 rous admirers here, I deeply
 regretted your late speech
 in the Senate, not because of any
 very objectionable doctrine which
 it announced as ~~an~~ original
 proposition, but because of the pe-
 culiar circumstances by which
 the question was then and is now
 surrounded. I appreciate your
 position and your motive, however,

and admire the courage and firm-
ness with which you maintain your
positions; and, while it would be
uncandid in me to disguise
the fact that your position has con-
siderably clouded your prospects
in the South for the Presidency,
it is nevertheless more consolation
for a true Democrat and States-
man to believe himself right
than to be President. I hope
and flatter myself, however, that
these clouds will pass away in
the next two years, & that you
may stand forth the standard
bearer of the Democracy in 1860.

With considerations of the
highest respect

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

W. H. S. S.

Spencer
1859
W. H. S. S.
1859

Synchburgh
Va.

Jan'y 21/58

R. H. Glasp

Political.





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D. C. E. Goldborough
Huntstown
Adams Co Pa



Washington

Jan. 21 1858

Doct. C. E. Goldsborough

My dear Sir

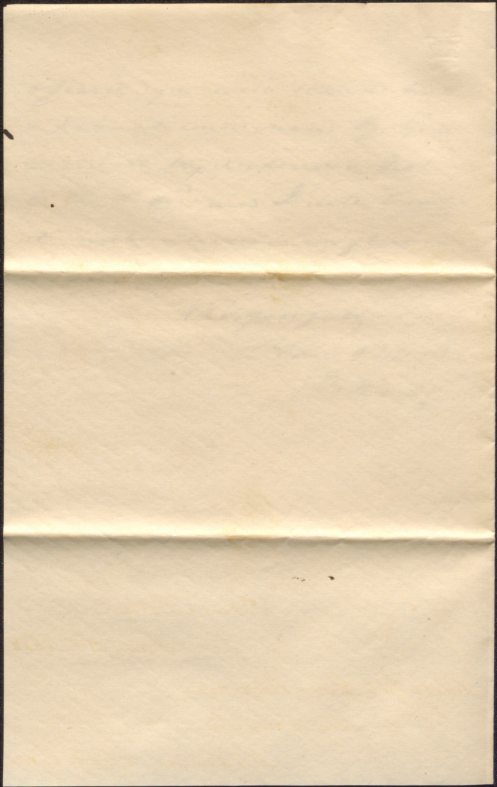
I have an application
before the President from my own
County for a Consulate. I went
to the Pres! in relation to it. He
seemed annoyed, and showed
me a list of 660 applicants for
those appointments. He said he
had about ⁴⁰ appointments of that
kind to make which are worth
having. You will see by this state-
ment of the Pres! what chance
there is for an appointment.
I will cheerfully do anything I
can for you, but indeed I am

afraid you will stand but
a poor chance now. If you
desire to try it, send a letter
to the Pres: and I will back
it with whatever influence
I can.

Respectfully

Yours obt. Sr

W Keief





Chambassing

Nov. 24/56

My dear Sir

If, after Mr Buchanan is inaugurated,
I can be of any service to you, I will cheerfully
exert my little influence in your favor.
My impression is that a letter to Mr B,
before his induction into office would
do harm instead of good.

Very Respectfully
Yours to

Wm. Keely



Dr B. B. Goldblum &

Hunterstown

Adams Co.

Pg.



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1857

Dr C. C. Goldborough
Dear Sir

It affords me
much pleasure to comply with
your request - Enclosed you
will find a letter to Gov.
Bislen - I hope the efforts
of your friends may prove
successful & result in your
appointment

Very Respectfully
Your friend
Charles C. Sears

of the same kind

1877

Dear Sir

I have the

pleasure to

inform you that

the same has been

sent to you

and I am

very

truly

Yours

Wm. B. E. Colburn

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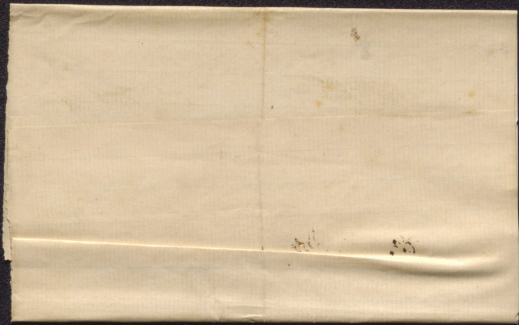
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Letters of Recommendation
to be returned to

Dr C. E. Goldsborough
Hunters town

Adam's Co.

Penn^a



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Hand Dear Sir Newburyport 21 Jan'y 1858

In quite a number of years past I have been in the habit of receiving ^{from} ~~public~~ papers, Documents &c. from Representatives & Senators while Congress were in Session, after addressing them as above; Some much is said about the trouble in Kansas and other places, or Territories, I will thank you Sir, to forward me a Copy or two of late your late Speeches Relative to Kansas; & any other subject which may claim your attention - Any new Maps, Charts, or ^{atlas} History of these newly annexed places will be thankfully received by your Obedt Servant.

Thos Stephen Douglas

U.S. Senator City of Washington.

P.S. Please to forward a Catalogue of the names of the present Members of Congress - & Oblige us
with a Copy of the President's Annual
Message Pamphlet Form
or a Newspaper -

Phillips & Brackett
Newburyport
Mass:
Jan'y 29/58,
Wm. A. Speckle & Co.

MEMORANDUM
OF A
PLAN
FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION
OF THE
Atlantic, Mississippi & Pacific
RAILWAY.

1858.

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ATLANTIC, MISSISSIPPI & PACIFIC RAILWAY.

THE undersigned has matured a plan for the construction of the above named Road, which he believes is not only feasible, but entirely practicable, and has presented a Memorial to Congress praying that body to aid in the matter by the necessary legislation, and also by an appropriation of the unapplied lands belonging to the general government, to the extent hereinafter set forth. It is the opinion of the subscriber that the work cannot be completed by any other plan as soon, or as well, or at so small a cost, as by the plan herein proposed. It should be borne in mind that by the plan proposed there will be no debt of any kind on the Road, it will therefore be not only a safe, but a profitable investment—and the Stock will be as valuable in every way as the Treasury notes recently authorized by Congress—Dividends will be regular and large, as the construction account will close when the work is taken from the hands of the Contractors—they not only building the Road, but furnishing it with the necessary rolling stock and all equipments adequate for the safe and economical transaction of the business—the earnings therefore will all be applied on the transportation account and to the payment of dividends.

To commence on the Missouri River at some point accessible to central Roads already constructed, or in process of construction, thence west by the nearest practicable route to San Francisco, California.

Any, or all, of the lines now being constructed, whose lines are running in that direction, and all branches proposed, may take part in the construction of this main trunk line by becoming Stockholders therein, on fair and equitable terms with individual Stockholders; and this main trunk line shall have the privilege of consolidating with one or more of said Roads, when it shall appear mutually advantageous to do so.

The above point of starting is deemed to be the best that could be selected, as it gives all other lines centering in that direction an equal chance not only to share in the construction of this main trunk line, but also an equitable proportion of the immense business to be transacted on a Road that in addition to being a great national highway, will be a highway for nations.

The Road bed to be graded of sufficient width for double track, the tracks to be laid with heavy rails of the most approved and durable pattern, the whole well tied and ballasted.

All Rivers which the Road may cross to be spanned with Iron Bridges; wooden structures of every character to be excluded.

The maximum grades east of the Rocky Mountains to be thirty-three feet to the mile, and in the mountain region as light as possible. In that portion of the mountain region subject to deep snows the Road to be arched and ventilated by side and upper openings, and thus rendered available at all seasons.

To establish regular ten mile Stations, with suitable side tracks, and Station houses of the most substantial character, and on a scale commensurate with the amount of business to be transacted thereat. The distance of ten miles between

Stations to be maintained as far as is practicable, but to be varied where from obstacles impossible to overcome, or where from other causes more advantageous points at greater or less distances shall present themselves. To establish, in addition, midway between such regular Stations, Water Stations, at which points also the main tracks shall be connected by Switches so as to render the transfer from one track to the other easy and expeditious in cases of emergency.

To be stocked with twenty Coal-burning Locomotives, and five hundred Cars, of all kinds, to each one hundred miles of Road, and also for each one hundred miles to construct Turntables and Engine houses of such character and dimensions as will not only afford shelter to the Engines, but at the same time admit of temporary repairs. And for each four hundred miles to construct Engine houses, Machine and Car Shops, the same to be furnished with all tools and machinery necessary not only for the regular and prompt repairs of the rolling Stock, but also for the construction of such additional rolling Stock, of any nature, as may from time to time be required. Also to construct mainly for the use of the Road a line of Telegraph.

To plant on each side of the Road at all prairie openings, for an extent of not less than one hundred feet wide, locust and other timber, which will serve the double purpose of protecting the road in a great measure from drifting snows, and as its growth advances of furnishing the necessary timber for the use of the Road.

Each and every part of the work to be constructed more with reference to durability than to cost.

The work, constructed upon the scale and style mentioned, is estimated to cost one hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars, which it is proposed to divide into one hundred and seventy-five thousand shares, of one thousand dollars each, the Stock to be all taken and secured, and paid by annual instalments of six per cent. The number of shares to any one individual shall positively be limited to ten.

After the Stock is absolutely taken, and a Board of Direction legally established, the first instalment, of six per cent shall become due and payable, and on this instalment the construction of the work shall commence, by this means there will be no necessity of resorting to the issue of bonds, or contracting one dollar of indebtedness, and thus the Road when done will be wholly unincumbered.

The subscriber is making all necessary arrangements to have the Stock taken, and he confidently believes the whole will be actually taken and secured within a less period than two years, and possibly within one year. The arrangement for effecting this object being to employ some competent man in each State, he employing and directing men, whose duty it shall be to canvass each County in the State.

Congress has been petitioned to grant the right of way three hundred feet in width, through all lands now belonging to the general government, and in addition to afford such armed protection to the workmen while engaged in the survey and construction of the line. The necessity for such protection would as a matter of course cease as each successive section of the work became completed, opening the path to emigration to such an extent as would render the continuance of such protection wholly unnecessary.

It is proposed to carry out the above plan, construct, complete, and equip the Road without resorting to those measures which have been generally adopted in the construction of nearly all the Roads in this country, which have been by means of the credit system, or by large grants of lands, lost to the actual Stockholders, given away in the shape of premiums on money loaned for the construction of the Roads.

With a view therefore of averting such a condition of things in this instance and as a measure due to the character of the undertaking, Congress has been solicited, on the completion of each twenty miles, and as the same shall become completed, paid for, and in running order, to appropriate

twenty-five alternate sections of the unapplied lands on each side of the Road for the sole and exclusive benefit of the actual Stockholders.

The subscriber is sanguine that when the great natural character of the work, the great and beneficial results to civilization and commerce that will ensue on its completion, are considered, that some such plan of endowment will be adopted by Congress, for the purpose of stimulating and encouraging all to engage in the work.

With the foregoing means as a basis of operations, the Stock should be readily taken up and the work commenced, and pushed forward to completion much sooner, and better, than in any other way. The Corporation will be prohibited from contracting any debt by which any part of the Road, or equipment, can become embarrassed—this restriction to be a prominent point in the charter.

The men chosen in each State to solicit the Stock subscriptions are to act under all necessary restrictions, and be controlled by any measure that Congress may deem expedient, and as best calculated to give security and confidence that the duties will be faithfully performed. The whole expenses to be paid out of the money raised on the Stock.

To sum up the whole thing, the Subscriber proposes to take all the Stock, perform all the work, and deliver up the Road to the Stockholders, in Sections, free from all incumbrances, to pay all expenses of getting up the Stock, or of getting it taken off his hands, at not less than par value, and complete the entire work so that the Stockholders will have the Road, and Lands, for the money invested free and untrammelled.

The parties employed in getting up the Stock to act as a Board of Commissioners for the building of the Road, and to be paid a regular salary—they are to see that the instalments of Stock are collected and paid over as the work progresses—that the undersigned performs all the stipulations of his contract—to guard the interests of the Stockholders—to receive

the Road, as completed, from the undersigned, and deliver it over to a Board of Directors to be elected by the Stockholders, The Government to retain such exclusive use of said Road and Telegraph, on payment of compensation therefor, as the proper Officers of the Government may deem fair and equitable.

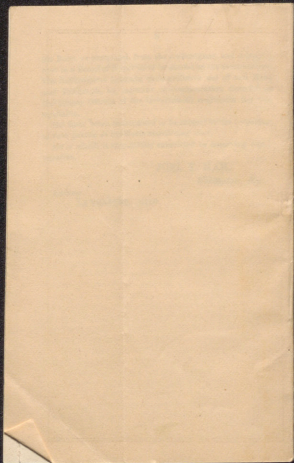
The Road when constructed to be subject to the inspection of such parties as the Government may elect.

All of which is respectfully submitted as deserving consideration.

JOEL T. HAM,
Covington, Ky.

Address:

LANCASTER, OHIO.



Laurel, Ohio -

January 21st 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

With a view to explain more fully my plan for the construction of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Pacific Railroad, I would state that the estimate of one hundred and seventy five millions of dollars is based upon the cost of that portion of the New York and Erie Railroad which has double tracks, and on the supposition that the proposed Road will be two thousand miles long, which will be about the length of it - You will perceive that six per cent on the above estimate will amount to ten millions five hundred thousand per Ann: which sum will be ample for the most vigorous prosecution of the work - the lands asked to be appropriated is intended for a basis on which to commence raising the stock, if with that basis I have every reason to believe the stock will be all taken up in a very short time - A man with very limited means can pay sixty dollars per year, and will, when he is convinced he is investing it in a concern which is a saving institution superior to any savings bank, because there will be no

possibility of any loss, and by the time he has paid six hundred dollars the work will be so far completed that it will support itself, or the earnings of the Road will furnish the balance, and he will have his share of stock, worth a thousand dollars, and a thousand dollars worth of land, or its equivalent in cash - all for \$600, and ten years in which to pay it -

In a State where the people would be likely to feel much interest in the work, I propose to employ one man for each of these States, and give him two per cent on all the stock he gets taken, paying him out of the first instalment, to retain him as one of a Board of Commissioners during the construction of the work, under a regular salary -

If a man with ability and commanding influence would undertake it he could raise 50,000 shares of the stock in four or five of the Western States in a very short time - two per cent on which would net him one million dollars -

I am sanguine that if you can give this project your countenance and support you can materially aid in carrying it through Congress - an achievement that would entitle you to the lasting gratitude of the nation - I should be glad to have you take this matter in hand, and

am willing you should have the appointment of as many of the Board of Commissioners as you choose, and generally to direct the matter - all I want is the credit of building the Road - which can be done without cost to the Government - they doubling the price of land on the remaining alternate sections - and then have the Road which will be worth more to the Country than all the land - I have already sent you a pamphlet setting forth my plan and herewith enclose a second one - I wish you to give this matter your serious consideration and write me your views thereon -

Yours Respectfully
J. S. Shaw.

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan'y 21/58

John T. Howe.

Explains his
Plan of Pacific
Rail Road

no

Chicago

Jan^y 21 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir.

I have just given a letter of introduction to you to R. L. King Esq of this City, who will call upon you soon at Washington. He is a Gentleman of intelligence and wealth and influence. But a few months ago he was a staunch Republican, but now he is one of the most devoted and enthusiastic Douglas men I have ever seen. He feels a deep interest in you and your cause, and I trust you will give him a liberal attention during his stay in your City. You will find him frank, honest, and true.

It is a source of great pleasure to me that you have taken so glorious a stand on the Kansas question; and I am immensely gratified to know, that your bold and unflinching and unswerving advocacy of the right is making you hosts of new friends here and everywhere. Your enemies, in the party and not of it, seeing how firmly and extensively you are fixing yourself in the hearts of the people, will doubt in their power to undermine and destroy you, but right will prove might in this case, and your victory is inevitable.

Remember me with great respect to Miss Douglas,
and believe me —
Your true and devoted friend,
W. G. Howard.

Chicago,
Jan'y 21/58.

W. G. Howard,

Commander

R. S. King, Esq.
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Hon S. A. Douglas
My Dear Sir -

Permit me to in-
-roduce by your acquaintance, my valued
friend, Mr R. S. King of this city for-
-merly, but now a resident of St. Charles.
He will spend a few days in Washington,
and any attentions you may be able to show
him, will be highly appreciated by -

Yours most obed^t
W. G. Howard.

P.S. I admire your noble and unpre-
-judiced position on the Kansas Question.
W. G. H.



Chas. H. Smith
New York

Jan 14, 1877

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Chas. H. Smith

Very truly,
Chas. H. Smith

By order of the Board of Directors
Chas. H. Smith

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greatly in need of reading mat-
ter this winter and would
be very much obliged to you
if you will please send me some
House Documents. Should like
Perry Gassan expedition
Pacific Rail Road survey
Patent Office Reports &c
Direct box 3643
Respectfully Yours
Charles A. Smith

Dan & Muntz -
 to Miss M
 Jan'y 1853.
 Mary - Pacific R.R.
 & also the western
 Com. Army in Japan
 on Pac. At. R.R. &c
 Dear P. & M.
 A/c Jan'y 21/53.

