

Jacksonville Fla Febth 4 1858
 Mr. Douglas

Sir

I write you a few lines hoping you will receive them with the respect they are intended to convey from the writer to your respected self. First I introduce myself as Robert W. Henry son of your old acquaintance John Henry of Jacksonville. Second I have taken several documents from the P. O. sent by you to him. Third when Mr. Yates was in Congress he sometimes favoured me with documents from Washington. As he is not there now and not likely to be soon I now request you to send me an interesting book or pamphlet occasionally and oblige your friend. There is not much news here of importance. The health of this country is generally good. Weather fine. Plagues more quiet than usual. Some complaints of hard times but an abundance to live upon fine prospect for a good crop of wheat the coming season. With sincere regard. Dear Sir. Yours Obient. Servant

Robert W. Henry

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Robt W Henry
Jacksonville
Feb 4/58 Ill
books & tools



Post Office Department.

Apph. Office.

11th Feby. 58

My dear Sir.

The Postmaster General has appointed Mr. Edwin C. Ely, Route Agent on the line from Chicago to Peoria, thence to East Burlington Ill. in place of Smith Tracy, resigned, at salary of \$400. per ann. The letters of Appointment and Instruction to Mr. Ely are enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully

Yours ass. servt.

Horatio King
Adm. of Post Office

Wm. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate.

Washington

P. O. Depuit

Febr 4th 1888

H. Kings.

Enclosing the Applink
of C. L. Ely to a
Route Agency on
Peoria B & O. R. R.

— Applink of - forwarded
to Mr. Ely. —

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"Inquirer" Office

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Rich^d Va. Feb. 4th '58

Dear Sir,

Although I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, in consideration of your high political position and my ^{the Richmond Inquirer} connection with a journal which has always earnestly advocated those great principles of the Democratic Party which you so ably uphold, I take the liberty of addressing you in behalf of a gentleman who has been nominated by the President for a Federal ^{the} I refer to Dr. J. J. Simkins as collector of the customs at the port of Norfolk. This might seem supererogation under ordinary circumstances. But I have heard that a large majority of the Virginia delegation in Congress, including both senators, have signed a protest against the ratification of his nomination.

by the Senate. I hope it may be a
mistake. But I fear not. Gov.
non Wiley, who warmly recom-
mended the Doctor's appoint-
ment, suggested to me the
probability of asking your aid
in this matter. He feels also
that the opposition, of which
I speak, is a blow aimed
at him. Doctor Simpson
is a gentleman of intelligence
and unimpeachable private char-
acter. He is a true, active
and influential Democrat.
I hear from high authority
that the President will in no
event nominate Mr. Sargent
the gentleman who held
the office under the late
Administration of Mr.
Pierce. By giving your
attention to this matter,
you will oblige

Yrs with highest
Respect

Baker Lee

Hon. S. S. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

"Engineer Office"
Richmond, Va.

Baker P. Sec. for
Feb'y 8, 1858

Special attention

J. G. McBride
Ogden
Benning Co
Feb 14/58
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Ogden, Feb. 4th 1858
Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear sir,

Althou
gh, I am a stranger to you per-
sonally, yet I have been politica-
lly acquainted with you ever
since I have noticed political
events, hence I take the liberty
to address you at this time

There seems to be
at this time a great stir over
"Kansas" in Congress, and as I
have not read anything of the
proceedings of Congress in opposi-
tion to the admission of Kan-
sas under the Leecompton Const-
itution, either from neglect
of our Democratic Congressmen
or some other cause; I concluded

to ask you to favor me with
your speech and such other
proceedings either of Congress
or 'Kansas' as you ~~would~~ think
would be interesting to a
Democrat wishing to get on the
right trail -

I am a Citizen
of Rush Co. Ind. - My address
is Ogden, Henry Co. Ind.
yours Respectfully,
J. S. McBride

Wm. C. Clegg

Warren

Trumbull Co.

July 4/58, Ohio

Autograph

(Sent)

Warren, Trumbull Co. Ohio.

Feb 4th 1858.

Dear Stephen A. Douglass.

Dear Sir.

Pardon my presumption in thus addressing you uninvited, and and seemingly upon a trifling subject. Singular as it may seem to you, I desire to obtain your autograph. Why? Because I have heard so much about "Douglass" that I desire to possess my self of some memento of him. Will you be so kind as to gratify the wish of a curious "young American"? If so I can say "See I have some of the handwriting of "the little giant" himself."

Hoping you will pardon my impudence. I remain with great respect

James M. Clegg



Wm. L. Smith, Esq.

St. Louis

Dear Sir,

I have

the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of your

kind letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of

the proposed amendment to the

constitution of the State of

Missouri, and in reply to inform

you that the same has been

received by the proper authorities

and will be considered at the

next session of the General

Assembly. I am, Sir, very

respectfully, your obedient

servant.

Very respectfully,
J. M. Smith

Wm. L. Smith, Esq.

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Springfield, Illinois Feb 4, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate,

Dear Sir,

The bearer Mr Charles Atkinson, of Henry County, Agent of the Winnebago Swamp Land Company, is about visiting Washington City for the purpose of obtaining title from Congress to the Swamp Lands of the said Company, and remuneration for what has been entered or purchased as Congress land.

I respectfully request that you will render him all the assistance you can consistently to aid him in accomplishing the object of his visit.

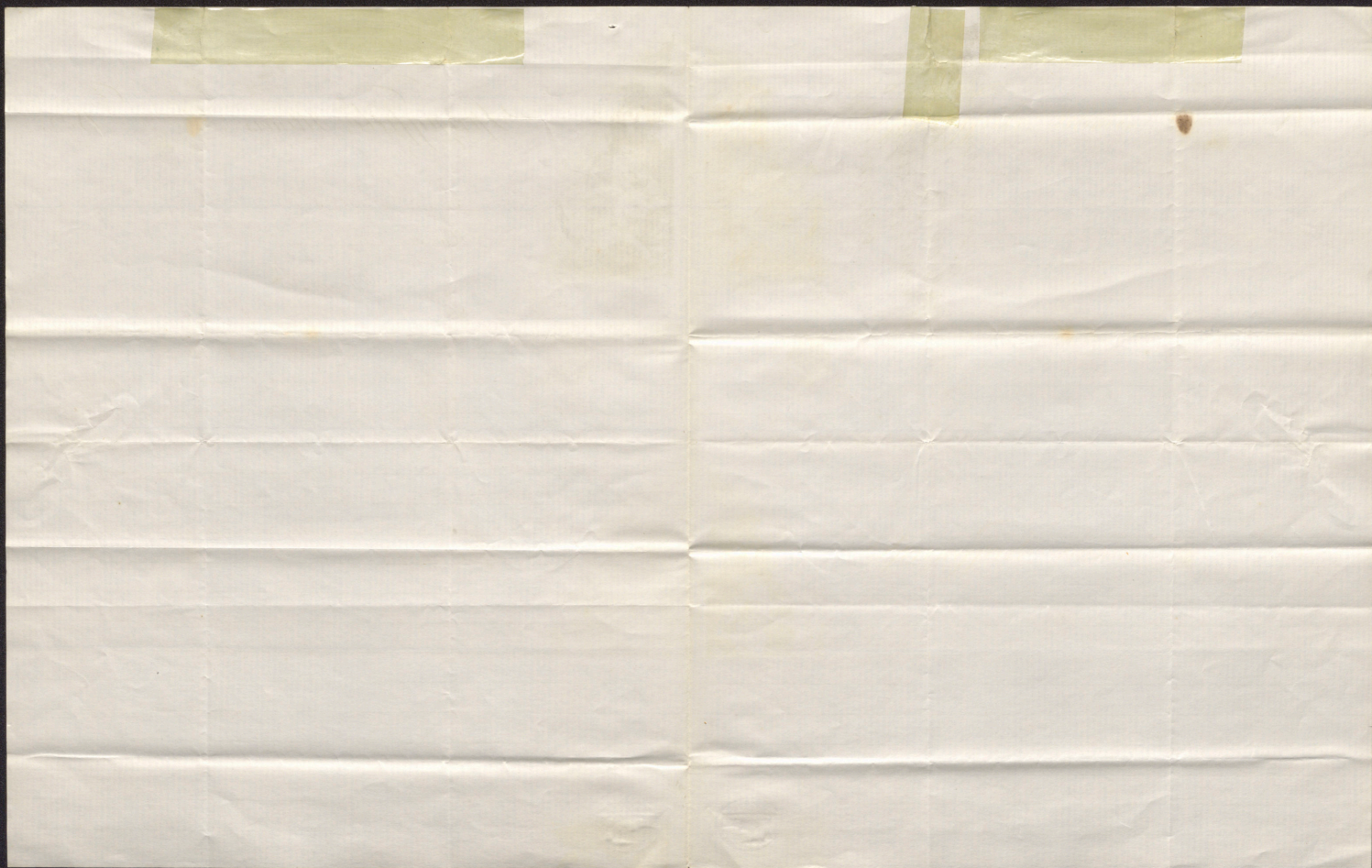
I am Sir, very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

J. A. Matteson

Springfield Ill.
Feb. 4th 1858.

Mr. J. A. Matteson.

Introducing
Mr. Chas. Atkinson
Agent of Minnesota
Lumber and Co.



Regenworth, N.Y.

February 4th 1858

J. H. St. Madden.

Hon. & dear Sir:

I take a

favorable opportunity of sending you a line. I have written to you twice at some length in regard to political affairs in Kansas, & also sent you, at different times, signatures to a memorial to Congress, asking for an Enabling Act, which was adopted at a Convention held by the democracy here on the 24th of December last. No other matter sent to Washington & other parts of the country by myself & several friends of the popular sovereignty principle have not reached their destination, I have reason to believe that what I have sent you

has never reached you. We have
all reason to believe that cer-
tain mail matter to & from
Washington is destroyed at this
office. Col. John P. Slough, a
faithful democrat, has sent
you signatures to the memorial.
Several of us have sent letters
to the press in the State which
we have never seen published.
Many ^{have mailed} ~~sent~~ copies of the pro-
ceedings of our convention to
the Eastern press for publi-
cation, which we believe have
left Leavenworth. We know
that those directed to jour-
nals in St. Louis were never
received. A petition will be
immediately circulated for the
removal of Col. Clarkson our
post-master, who is one of the
leaders of the Leecompton scheme,
& one of the most obnoxious men

in our community.

Col. Dennis & myself have
just returned from a visit
to the southern portion of the
territory. The only place at which
we found the Leecompton Con-
stitution at all in favor was
at Fort Scott, & there the de-
mocracy were about equally
divided. Geo. A. Crawford, whom
you have met with, leads the
opposition to it manfully. He
found the democracy there se-
riously distracted, & left it,
we think, harmonious.

We passed through the
Shawnee County, stopping at
Oxford & Shawnee precincts. Gov.
Walker was right. There is scarcely
a shanty on all the lands,
outside of the towns, & they were
not habitable. The towns each
contain about a dozen houses,

& in Shawnee particularly we could not find a man that did not bitterly denounce the frauds that had been perpetrated at the late elections.

The schemers are scattering in every direction, leaving the territory. The Delaware Cropping returns were found, a day or two since, with others, in a candle box, buried in the ground under a woodpile. The fact has thrown ^{increased} consternation into the ranks of the Calhoun men. In their desperation, they now seem resolved to stake everything, even their personal & political reputation, on the hazard, & win or lose everything by the extreme means.

Col. Dennis & I will go to Lawrence & Leamington tomorrow, where we shall write you more at length & leisure.
Yours most respectfully
J. H. Mathew

W. A. Douglas &c.

W S Moulton
Millhouse
Lake Co. Ohio,
Feb'y, 1858.
Wants Reports,

3303
Millhouse Feb 4 '58
The Hon S D Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you
be so gracious and forward
me a copy of your Report
on Free Soil, as like-
wise Reps. Everett &
Collamer's.

Respectfully,
Your servant
W S Moulton
(Center Office)
N H

My dear
friend
I have
just
received
your
letter
of the
10th
inst.

and am
glad to
hear
that
you
are
well
and
hope
to
hear
from
you
again
soon
I am
very
truly
yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

G. W. F. Mullers
Boston Mass
Feb 4 1858

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Boston, Feb 4 1858.

Dear Sir,

You by the papers since
you have presumed to differ from
the South, in her mode of opposing
in England, (if it has been the South
that has caused so much trouble, viz
you have been severely denounced,
which cannot but be thought most
satisfactory that to please her, you
must do her bidding right or wrong
& if you please, you are as liable to
fall under her censure, as the ex-
tremest Abolitionist.

I cannot but hope, that as you
have in a measure professed the
way to free our country from the
curse & disgrace of Slavery & its con-
comitant evils by the abrogation
of the Missouri Compromise, you
will agree with me that the sooner
it can be done the better for all
concerned, & as I have been opposed

by gentlemen from the West & North, as well as by a gentleman from Virginia & some from other Southern States, the former representing himself as a large Slaveholder, that he would support me, as the others did upon the principles of opposing the Fugitive Law throughout our country, I have thought I would write to you upon this subject, whether I could get your co-operation.

The West in her growing interest will undoubtedly be able to secure matches for her produce as extensive as possible & perhaps more credit representing that interest in Great Britain better than yourself, & no doubt if you should willing to range yourself on the side of freedom, the Country would be pleased to see you in that position & if the Country should think proper to interest me with their Confide-

rence, I cannot but think you would be entitled to a position of that kind.

I trust you will be able to get through your Kansas troubles without any serious difficulty & that as many free States may be admitted as possible.

Yours with
Much respect

Wm. W. Miller
Ch / Hon. Secy. Washington
Washington
D. C.

Fond Du Lac Fond Du Lac Co Feb 4th / 68

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir I have serious thoughts of emigrating to the territory of Dacotah the coming summer & for that reason I wish to obtain what information I can in regard to the territory, I have formerly lived in New Hampshire but being a Democrat I of course opposed the present M.C.s from that state and I do not know any M.C. from this state therefore if there are any Public Documents or maps of the Dacotah ^{territory} if you will send them you will confer a favour on

Yours Very Respectfully
Wm H, Odlin

Mr. Coddin

Fond du Lac Wis

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Privity

Post Office

Manchester N.H. Feb 4

How Steam A Douglas

Dear Sir

I write

these few lines to ask a favor of you if it
is your pleasure to grant it I am in
want of the 4th Vol of the Pacific
R Road Survey and I know of no
one that I think would be so likely
to be able to furnish me with it as
you if you can furnish it you will
oblige a friend Democrat the members
from this State are all Oppositors for
that reason the Democrats are obliged to
ask favors from members of other States
I presume you have friends of your own
State that you would feel under obligation
yet I think there is none that feel more
interested yourself than is a large portion of
the Democratic party of this State will
you please to write me and let me know
whether you can furnish me with the book
and you will oblige yours Very Truly
N.H. Pierce
Letter Carrier

P. O.

Manchester

N. H. (Feb 4/58)

N. H. Pierce

Wants 4th Vol

Pacific R. R. Survey

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March 1st
H. H. H. H.
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Cincinnati February 4th 1858

My Dear Sir)

Permit one who has enjoyed to some extent the favours of Public Life, to ask a favour at your hands -

I was supporter of Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency, and presided at the first public Meeting in the State of Ohio, held in this City, that recommended his nomination, and rejoiced in his election - Permit me to agree with you that he has committed some mistakes in the course he has taken in reference to the Kansas question - and the best mode to dispose of that vexed question -

Permit me to say, that I fully approve of your course upon the Kansas question - and nine tenths of the rank & file of the Democratic party are with you in the views you have so independently proclaimed in your late speeches in the Senate upon the all absorbing question - There is no danger of the "Union" on the Kansas question. The People believe in Self Government, and are opposed to all "Compromises & expedients" upon questions of settled principles - Permit me, my friend Sir, to congratulate you upon the stand you have taken upon the Kansas question. The People are with you Heart

I should be pleased to be favoured with your first speech, as well as all others, that may be delivered by you, during the present Session of Congress -

Mr. Phelps, Hugh. Pendleton & Goodrich, can inform you where I am.
 Wm. S. B. Congdon } Yours, &c. W. H. Middle

Cincinnati, O.

Feb'y 4/58.

A. N. Riddler. -

"Political"

A good active Man.

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Ransom Pa Feb 4th 1858
 Hon Mr Douglas Sir

Please oblige
 me, by sending to my address the late
 Patent office Reports-Mechanical &
 Agricultural, also the Democratic
 Speeches. I received your Speech on
 Kansas affairs, and was much delight-
 -ed to hear there was one true Demo-
 -crat among the many pretenders
 Respt Yours
 W B Smith

Ransom
 Pa
 W B Smith

BB Smith

Ransom

Feb 74/58 Pa

P.O. Report

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Speeches

Speech sent

San Francisco Feb 4th 1858

Friend Douglas

Thinking you would perhaps like
to hear from California, and being at leisure this
evening I thought I would drop you a few lines,
All though there is scarcely anything warthy of
note. all kinds of business is about the same as it
has been for the last six months if anything it
is improving. The principal topic of political interest
is the Kansas question, which appears to create more
interest at this time than anything for a long time,
and here allow me to acknowledge by last mail
the receipt of your Kansas speech. I read it with much
interest and pleasure. And quite a number of
my friends have borrowed it and read it. There is one
thing that I can assure you it has made many
warm and lasting friends for you in California.
There is many of the leading politicians of this state
that are very tender footed at present. and are only
waiting to take the strong side of the question.
In conversation a few days ago, with the —

Hon^d James Mc Douglass. I find he is a warm
supporter of your measure, with many others.

In conclusion accept my warmest and sincerest
regard for your health and happiness

I remaine yours Respectfully
W. M. Snyder

P. S. Should you find it convenient
I should be much pleased to receive a few
lines from you at any time. My friend
Mrs Charles H. Hampstead, wishes to be remem-
bered to you, and also thanks you for your speech
which he received by last mail. I sent
you a letter some three months ago in regard
to him, which I suppose you have received
long before this time. And if he has not
been confirmed before this time, I hope you
will not forget him at the proper time for
he is worthy of it in every respect,

Yours Respectfully
To the Hon^d S. A. Douglas
Washington City.
W. M. S.

San Francisco. Cal.
Feb 4th 1858.

& M. Ingden.

Acknowledges receipt
of check, and draws a
few lines occasionally.

Leecompton Feby 4. 58

Sir -

Permit me to call your attention to a concurrent resolution passed by the Territorial Legislature in 1855 - At this time when the charge of "secession from & disorganization of the Democratic party" are being so freely bandied about in Washington and elsewhere, it might be well to refer the Gentlemen to this resolution - It is this party, that declare "they know no issue but slavery" that have been trying to cram the Leecompton Constitution down the throats of this people - I mean the party in this territory, not elsewhere - And if it is a fact, that among the principles of the Democratic party, slavery is the only issue, I have yet to learn it -

Very Truly Your Friend
& Obt Servt

R. S. Stevens

Sir

S. A. Douglas

In Senate

Washington

R. J. Stearns

Leicester, N.Y.

Feb 4/88

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Edina Mo Feb 14th
Hon S. A. Douglass

U. S. Senate Sir - The discussion
of Kansas affairs by Congress is exciting
the people of this portion of the Co
to a great extent - You have had
still have a host of warm friends
and admirers in North East Miss
The zeal of some of them is somewhat
abating, from a misapprehension
as I conceive of your present
position, the Country is flooded
with speeches and documents
support of the position taken
your opponents, Your speech and
other documents in support of your
side of the question are much sought
after - I will give you a list
names of persons who will read
and use them to advantage

Respectfully Yours O. V. Hile

Post Office

Wm. H. Wyatt	Edna Knox	County	Wipon
Wm. Miller	"	"	"
Wm. McGinnis	"	"	"
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Wm. Fox	"	"	"
Wm. Chilson	"	"	"
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Wm. Thompson	"	"	"
Wm. H. Campbell	"	"	"
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To, Campbell Edwin Knox Co Mo
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 : Price " " " "

I think I have named enough,
 kind your humble servant anything
 you can conveniently in relation
 the question — E. V. W.

E. V. W.
 Card list
 of names
 of land
 of remnants —
 to copy
 of your
 speech at
 Wake
 May 20th

WINDSOR

Berlin July 4 1858

Private

My Dear Sir

Having no doubt, ere this
my enemies have struck at me in the Times
My request of you, is, that the letter of
Friend Dallas sent you last mail, may be
published if you think necessary.

Be assured that we have about
40 Americans at this place, they will speak
if it becomes necessary, in relation to my
official conduct & special character at Dallas. This
I must leave to my friends.

Only time to say, my wish is,
that my nomination may be acted upon, and
not postponed, until Bright's right to his seat
in the Senate, is settled. This is his game,

I am ready for any thing, and rest assured
I will not cry, if he Bright succeeds in
his present move upon me in the Senate,

All is right in Dallas, and a very
few months will show this, consult Dallas
before Dallas, I have yours Truly
for A. W. G. W.

Berlin
Received.
May 4th
L. A. Wright.

Answered
May 31st
1858.

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