

St. Augustine ³³⁷²
Fulton Co
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A. Baldwin -
P.O. Affairs
Feb 8 1858

St. Augustine
Fulton Co Illinois

Dear Sir

I beg
leave to ask your influence
in behalf of our Democratic
friends in this vicinity.
We want to know why our petition
for the removal of the St. Augustine
Post Office now in Fulton County
Illinois cannot be moved to the
St. Augustine Station which is in Knox
County Illinois one mile from where
the office now is. Kept it is an
unanimous think. But it appears
that the Department is not willing to
grant to the Citizens their wishes let
them agree ever so well.
The manner in which our office is conducted

Almost and but say if we could
have an office conducted as it should
be we would be contented to suffer
some inconveniences. All Business is
done at the station the old town is
entirely forsaken as regards Business
that appears not its influence the depart^{ment}
But the manner in which the Black
Republican Post master conduct the
office does not suit its democrats at all
Nor do we think he is in accordance with
Law he is a man that does not tend to
his Business at all I may say he seldom
is even at the office the office is in
an old Black Smith Shop and as a
matter of course we cannot get mail
mater when he is out in attendance
I was credible informed ^{by} a man not one
hour ago that he could not find any
of our letters of importance to
send by mail but could not find him
Consequently must be disappointed in his
Business matter he not having time

to go to another office. When the present
Incumbent changed the mail himself
which he often does he will lay around
the station from an hour to two with
the mail and in some those instance
he has opened and delivered mail
mater he always has the key in his
Pocket and has been seen to exhibit the
key to other persons. When he does
not change the mail himself he sends
his boy some nine or ten years old when
he comes every thing comes in the way
has to take a whip with the mail bag
I don't know as whipping the mail bag
around small trees injures them or the
contents much but the citizen thinks
it does. The office well not free is one
reason why it is not attended to I presume
we want you to inform me what is the reason
that we cannot get an office where we want
it and if you will oblige us as much as
to put us on the right track we will be
ten thousand times obliged to you and

will ever be unfulfilled

Dear S A D

I have written the sentiments
of your democratic friend also mine
as a democrat but you will find by
referring to the petition that my name
is used for Post Master that is my
objection I have to it I do not want
any thing to do with it but did not
must confess) suffer them to use my name
to be placed in the petition I believe the
petition set forth nothing but the truth as
it did then exist and does still exist
I must complain a little with Thomas
I took the Daily Globe but cannot get
them for want of some one to attend to the
office I have wait for them many of time and
could not get them when they were in the office
at the time I call for them It has been so
with other papers they were of no great importance
therefore I did not mind it Will you please inform
me what disposition can be made
Your most obedient A Baldwin

Wt Vernon O Feb 8th 1858

Wm L A Douglas

Dear Sir

Your Speeches were daily reviewed last evening, and were highly appreciated. The Members to whom we are to look for such documents, seem to be entirely uninterested as far as these constituents are concerned. They have got their seats, and they seem to think that their constituents, at home, are beneath their notice, and unworthy of a small portion of their time; There is one Democrat in particular, in this place who has done more for the success of the Democracy in this district, than any other two persons in the district, and all the notice they have received, was the speech you sent them on the 9th of December, 1857. Republicans are daily receiving cheers from their representative from all parts of the union, but the receipts of Democrats, are like Angel ^{fish} visits few and far between. We are much pleased to see the divided stance you have taken on the Secession Constitution. The question is here, will Kansas be admitted under that Constitution or not. we expect our representative to vote against it. For I do not believe there is 3000 Democrats in Ohio, who support the Administration in his present Kansas Movement, but all in Mass and unanimously, disapprove of his policy; and if that Secession Legislature is to be cramed down the throat of a helpless and protesting people, there is hundreds, yes, thousands of

The free Democrats of Ohio, who heretofore have stood firm and undaunted will know the reason why, if the administration would be merged and swallowed up by an overwhelming opposition why let him pursue his course a little further; and when the next election of Representatives for Congress shall pass in Ohio, he will see, as well as others to their utter chagrin, that Ohio will not have a single Representative in congress to support his principles. Our Representatives know the sentiment of the people of Ohio, and will they act accordingly? if not, they had better have a millstone hung about their necks and cast into the sea as ever to attempt a reelection. The Democracy of Ohio have already been whittled to a point, and now do they want to whittle us down and cut the point off, without leaving us a bare possibility of ever regaining our strength, if such is the fact, they will most assuredly have the pleasure, (if they pursue the course marked out) of witnessing it.

Your documents were kindly received and
that you may see proper to send hereafter
write you, frank and be highly appreciated

Charles B. Peterson
Mt Vernon
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Chas Baldwin

Wt Vernon Ohio

Feb 8 1888

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New York.
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Geo. V. Baureroff.
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Don'ts Bill & Rep's sent.
also speeches —

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New York. Feb. 8/58.

My dear Sir,

We shall have a great
meeting here on Friday next. You may be
sure I shall do all in my power to give it
a right direction, so that we may
strengthen your hands & those of your
friends in the House. You may judge
that I am in earnest, when I tell you I
have not attended a political meeting for
~~many~~^{many} ~~eight~~ years. Pray bid some one

Wm. S. A. Douglas.

keep me supplied with all documents I
need. I want a copy of Tomlin's Bill, as I
mean to refer to it on Friday night, if
I can get it.

Yours truly

Geo. Bancroft

My best regards to Mrs. Douglass.

P.S. The Virginia Convention which
in the summer of 1776 made the first
Virginia constitution, constituted
themselves the first legislature under that
constitution. This is fully proved in
the review of Randall's Jefferson in
the Richmond Enquirer of

January 14. 1776. The convention
after making the constitution sat as
the legislature in the autumn, proving
the revolutionary character of the movement.

Alexandria, Mo

Feb 8 / 85

Mr Bishop.

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R. R. Surveys

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Alexandria Mo

Feb 8th 1858

To The Hon^d

Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Being desirous of reading the
the Publications by Congress of
the recent exploring & surveying
expeditions I know of no
means of procuring them unless
from some member of the Senate
I prefer making application to
you rather than the Represent-
atives from our own State.

Having been presented to you on
several occasions one of which
was at the Rail Road convention
at St Louis some years since
I hope you will excuse the
liberty I take in making this
application Very Respectfully
M^r Bishop



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Strasburg, Pa.

B. F. Black.

Feb 7 8/58

Wants Kansas

Speeches pub Area



Feb 8 1858

Wm. L. Douglas

Sir

Please send me your
Speeches on the Kansas
Question, and remember
me generally in sending
Public documents, as you
do all your friends

Yours Respectfully

O B Frank Black,
Strasburg
Inn Co
Pa.



North Frederick Cook Co. Md
February 8. 1858.

Dear Sir, Your position in relation
to Hearnes matters in general, and the Leconington
Convention, & Constitution in particular, as set
forth in your late speech in Congress, is not so
well understood in this vicinity as it ought to
be. by reason of the scarceness of any printed copies
now readily to be obtained, will you (if convenient)
mail to my address a number of copies for
distribution.

Respectfully Yours.

W. A. Butler, P. M.

Hon
L. A. Douglass
W. C.,

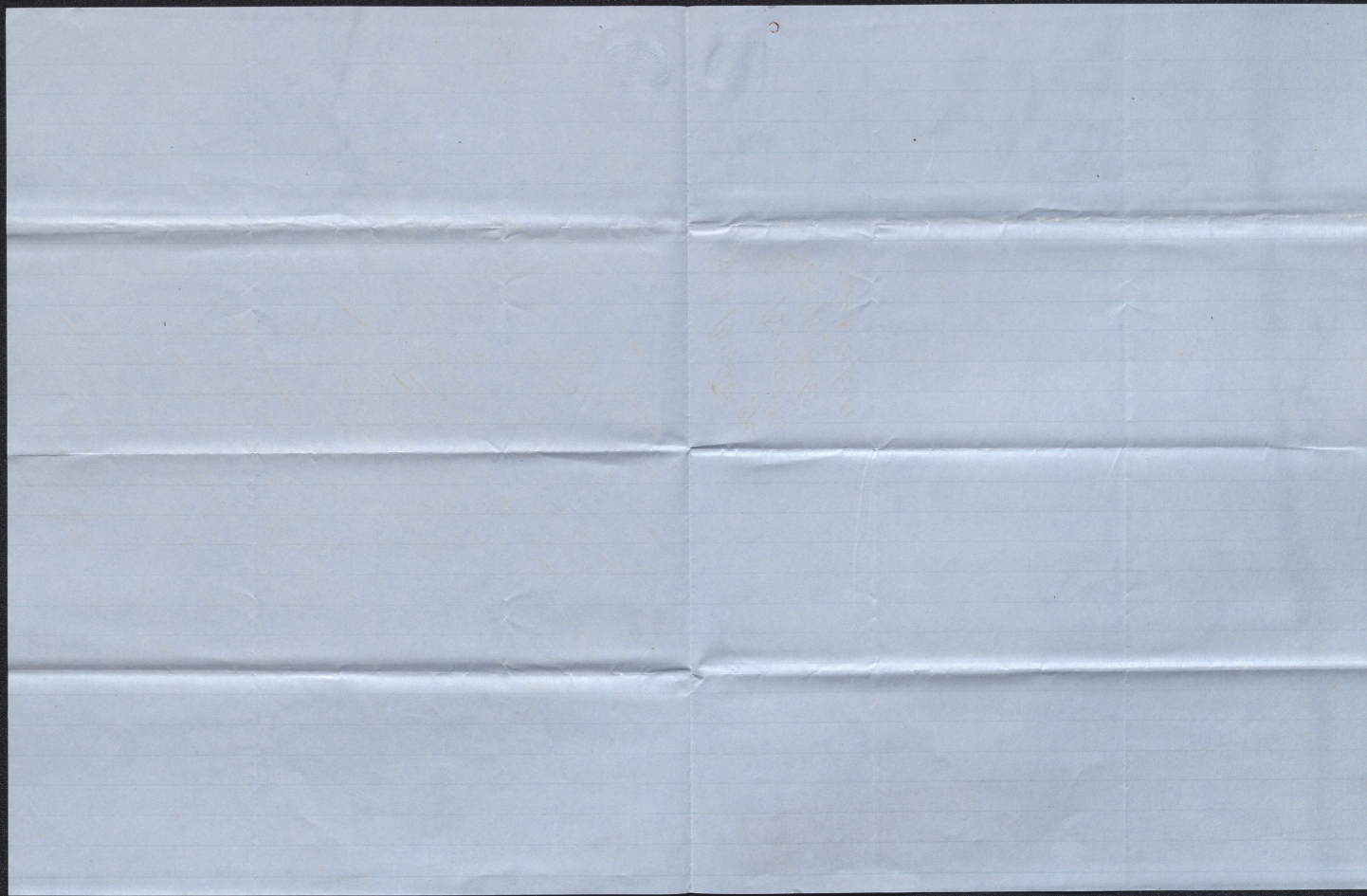
Washington D. C.

H A Butler ^{jr.}

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Feb 8/58. Mr

a few copies



Am. & Europ. A. Douglas
Washington DC

Chicago Ill. Sat. 8th Dec 1858

My dear Sir: We are all at
work here and I can assure you things look
better here than before, we shall have a hard fight
for mayor the chances are about even
You are probably aware
that the whole country are with you and I trust
and pray you will not finish a here but Davis
your administration or no administration
You are in the right and the people will sustain
you. The Democracy (Douglas) will hold their
convention in Indiana on the 22nd inst at
Indianapolis and promises to be
a very large gathering. Bright & Co are
now up in this own State. The "Independent Times"
formerly as you will know a good Dem. & later paper
edited by Mr. Everett of Luford has now
changed hands and will now be edited by
Col Walker & Geo Smart. Everett had not

the Congress to have the administration and advocates
principled instead of policy they will consent
a small loan of some \$2000. for one year
with good security - A friend of mine in England
proposes to make them half of the loan &
and he offers to pay for the balance I
wrote you simply to ask if you can conveniently
loan the parties \$1000 for i.e. for good security - if not
I can arrange it in some way the paper will
be of vast importance to us as this
circulation will be large in Southern
India. // Mrs C. Smith has to send D
Hasty yours & wife's
W. H. L. Jones

Chicago - Ills

Feb 19/58

B. F. Carver.

special



Hamilton Ill

Feby 8/58

John F. Cox Esq

Informing you
that yr course
has been approved
by a public meeting
- especially by Dr
Powers Ritchie. —

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Hamilton Ill Feb 8/58
Hon. S. A. Douglass
Esq Sir

I have the honor
of informing you that
at a meeting of our citizens
today your views in the
Kansas question was fully
indorsed & more especially
By - Dr Powers Ritchie —
Very respectfully
yours obt

John F. Cox
Esq

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Warren Warren Esq
Feb 8th 1838

Rev Stephen A. Duggles
Bristol

I have read
with admiration your noble speech
upon that part of the Message which
relates to the admission of Kansas under
the Lecompton constitution. It meets
with the cordial approval of $\frac{3}{4}$ th of
the Democrats and I might say meets
with a warm response from every one
who believes in fair dealing.
Our representatives will grossly misrepresent
his constituents if he votes for the admission
of the Lecompton constitution and he will have
to answer for it at the polls next fall.
He will fall to rise no more for ever.
We are flooded with Greaves & Bigland
speeches upon that subject while you
are carefully suppressed. Now if you
will forward to me a quantity of your
speeches either the one already made or
the next I will see that it has a thorough
circulation which will do you self

and the cause with which you stand
is connected a great deal of good

You lay down a platform upon
which all white men can stand &
and you may rest assured that
the people will flock to your stand
and with the utmost enthusiasm.

Yours Truly
L. B. Hunt

C W Curtis
Marine Point
Feb 8/88
Political

Wants number of
Speeches.

Brownsville Pickens Co. Ohio July 10 1838
 Hon S. A. Douglass

Sir

I have been informed that some of our good Republican friends in our town have been springing on the good nature of some of our Democratic friends and as Democrats don't like such work for the same ones that are begging favors of you and our best friend enemy in election times one of these is Mr E. P. Gluck of this place and he as well as the rest of the secessionists about at the time we were a trying to elect our democratic members done all they could to keep us down and were they are the first to to ask favors of our members when I know this man Gluck and he would like not to join him self up on our member as their friends but be ware of such democratic friends as that. There is enough of the genuine true blues to make your position to and please don't send your documents to such notorious black hearted Republicans as let now you know him you can act accordingly.

Please answer if you please

Yours truly and Democratic

J. H. H.

Rathus F. Emery

Steven A. Douglass.

M.C.

Hon. Steven A. Douglas
Washington City
D.C.

Franklin & Co.
Sept 8/52.
New York
R. F. E.



Filed Feb 8th 1858.

Hon Stephen A. Douglass.

Sir - If you will
not deem it an unreasonable request
of one with whom you are unacquainted
I would be pleased to receive a printed copy
of your speech in reference to that portion
of the President's Message relating to Kansas.

That speech and any others you may
be pleased to send will be forwarded with
pleasure by one who admires your noble
and manly efforts in behalf of "Popular
sovereignty."

Respectfully
J. P. Herce

No 1418 North 10th St



J. P. Fieroe

No 1418 No 10 ST

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Feb 18/58 PA

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

My dear Douglas -

// Can you not have
Mr James B. Sheridan appointed Clerk
of Harris' special Committee. He
is one of the best short hand writers
in the country & is a very estimable
young man. You will remember
that he was turned out of the
Custom house here for standing
firm with us. Try & accomplish
this for me & I will consider
it a great personal favor. //

Feb 7 8 Yours truly M. Morney

Phil - Pa
Feb 8/88
J.W. Fowey.

Wants Mr. Jais B.
Sheridan applied
clerk of Major Harris
special committee.

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 February 5th 1858
 Hon. S. C. Tracy Esq.

I have send you
 the particulars of my Father's
 services in the Revolutionary war
 as near as I can, after a period
 of 72 months, and all the pay he
 ever received was \$30, and he lost
 his discharge so he never got
 his Land, His officers names was
 Col. Cook, Maj. Cook, Capt.
 Richard Sparks and Lieut.

Brookins, I have no proof now
 only my own oath, his companions
 in service being all dead.

Investigate the matter, and please
 inform me whether you can
 get anything for me,

Yours & Andrew Joy

Direct to Clement Fulton Co
 N. Y.

i thank you for your exelent
speach & do all for me
you can and i will be thank
ful you have made
meny friends in illennoise

Andrew fry
my Father name was
Peter Fry

my son

Ells May 8th 1858.
Vermont. Fulton Co
Andrews Lyf.
His Father has a
Resolution and
Office. de Land
particulars & wants
to know what you
can do for him.

Peter Long - not on
ill will - more
information - late
wanted -

Return to Mary
Douglas with
your answer
How

ans. Sent April 6/58

Betham

2 Apr 1858

Kingsville
Feb 8th 1858

Hon Sir

I am ^{the} anxious to obtain
a Copy or Copies of Patent Office Reports
for the year 1857 will you sir
please to forward the same to me
if so you will much

Oblige your
Obtinent
servant

at press H. C. Grover H. C. & Co
Kingsville
Ashtabula
Ohio

H. C. Grover
Kingville
Ashtabula Co., Ohio.
Feb. 8, 1858.

— Wants Pat. off
Reporter —

Hagerstown Md. 8 Feb. 1858

I would thank the Honorable
 Senator Douglass for any of his speeches
 which may conveniently send me.
 With respect.

Yours sincerely
 Wm. S. Sam personally affected



Wm. S. Sam
 Hagerstown
 Feb 10 1858
 And
 Wm. S. Sam

Wm. S. Sam

U.S. Senator

Washington

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New Brunswick Feb 8th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas Esq.

Dear Sir

Mr Bigler of Penn has endeavored to show that you sanctioned the omission of a Clause in the Loomes bill regarding the Submission of a Constitution to the people and because it was not inserted ^{and} ~~in~~ that bill the people of Kansas would not have had the right to demand the Submission of the Constitution for their ratification or rejection,

Without admitting the strength of Mr Bigler's argument his own weapon may be turned against him ~~there~~, With this view of the Loomes bill Mr Bigler must have voted for and sustained it and he tries to support this view of it now if he does not support this view of it now he cannot blame you for not supporting it now but he does endorse this view of it now and he ^{also} endorses the act of the Legislature of Kansas wherein they appointed a time and place for the election of delegates to a convention to form a Constitution without in that act providing that the Convention should submit the Constitution when formed to the people for their ratification or rejection If he does not endorse this act of the Legislature of Kansas may why then does he blame the people of

Lawyer for not voting upon an act which
if we apply Mr. Bigler's interpretation of the omission
in the Sumner bill took from the people the right
finally to settle a subject, the constitution which
formed, I show them who knowingly and with the
belief that the Sumner bill took from the people
the power to settle a subject, ^{a fundamental law} through, voted against
the spirit of the Kansas Nebraska act and
against the glorious truth set forth so ably
in the declaration of American Independence
which it asserts that "all governments
derive their just powers from the consent of
the governed" But Mr. Bigler says that he
knew & that you knew that it took from
the people their power to exert their
inalienable right, you deny that you
so understood it, even if you did
understand it so then ~~you~~ your enemies would
try to show, you deny emphatically, ^{as you did in the Kansas Nebraska act} now the
right to deprive ^{the people} by any act of Congress
the power to settle a subject their own fundamental law.
But Mr. Bigler admits that he took that
view of it then and that he takes that
view of it now, and supports it also
consequently Mr. Bigler sets himself in opposi-
tion to a fundamental principle of American
Republican liberty. Yours Respectfully,
H. K. Brown

PS Mr. Gasket's Adair alone of all the
Democratic Members from New Jersey has
the courage to oppose the Leamington frame.
I nominated him for Congress at our
primary meeting instructed delegates to
support him in convention at Somerville,
was a delegate there myself and after a
desperate struggle in our own County Caucus
we gave him the nomination over Patterson and
then he received an overwhelming vote of the
convention over Steele who Somerset Co
also opposed to the Convention as then pronounced.
Mr. Adair was elected by a large majority
over Bishop beating a union of 2
Black Republicans & Know Nothings.

Mr. Adair's own Brother Robert
is applying for the appointment of
Minister to Bolivia. Yet Mr. Adair
told me a few weeks ago that even if
he had to "sacrifice Bob" yet
still he could & would not vote
for Leamington.

H. K. Brown

New Brunswick
Feb 28 1858
H. H. How-

"Political"

Sustains you,
down on Rigler-

"Toward B. W."

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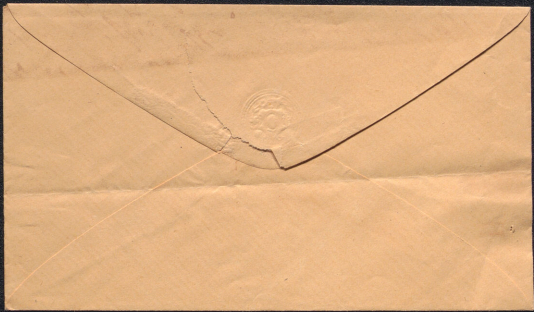
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Hon Stephen A Douglass U.S.S

Washington

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T. J. Hudson
(Mansfield Ohio
Feb 8/88

Wants Some Speeches

Mansfield Ohio
Feb. 8th 1888

Dear Sir

Please be so kind
as to send me the speeches
of Lincoln, particularly yours
on the Kansas question

Yours faithfully
T. J. Hudson

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Wm. L. G. F. L. L.
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Grimfield Peoria Co Ill
Feb. 8 /58.

Wm S A, Douglass W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Will you do me the
favor to send me the following?
Patent-Office Reports

Mechanical & Agricultural
2nd Vol. Pacific R.R. Survey

By conferring the favor you
will very much oblige

Yours truly

J. G. Lane

W.B any other I see you may
send will be thankfully
received
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J. H. Law.

Brimfield Ills

Feb'y 8, 1858

Wants Post Off Receipt

Bellevue N. Y. 8th 1878

Thos. S. D. Douglas

Dear Sir

I saw a few days since a Bill Reported in Congress giving pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1872

I hope the soldiers of that war will not be forgotten. It seems to me we at that time rendered our country some good service and should be included in the bill.

Please keep an eye to this matter and much oblige one of your constituents

Yours Truly
Edw. S. Jenkins

Dear Sir, I hope that you will attend to Mr. Tompkins' request, for certainly no discrimination against the sailors should be made, if a pension should be granted to the soldiers of '72. Mr. Tompkins is a devoted political friend of yours, and one of our first men.

Yours truly
Wm. L. Long

Ernest Thompson
Belvidere, Ill
Feb. 8. 1858.

Pensions to Soldiers
War of 1812.

Wants attention
to the bill.

Corteville Feb 27th 1858

Dear sir

Will you please send
to my address some Congressional
documents of the late acts of
Congress

Yours res^{ly}
W^m McKim

Hon S A Douglas
U S Senator

Address Corteville
Mahoning Co
Ohio

John McClellan
Coolville
Mahoning Co
Ohio

Feb 18/58

Wm. L. doob

John McClellan
Coolville
Mahoning Co
Ohio

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Coolville
Mahoning Co
Ohio

John McClellan
Coolville
Mahoning Co
Ohio

Rock Island Illinois
February 8. 1858.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Sometimes since
I wrote to his Excellency William F. Packard Governor
of Pennsylvania asking the appointment of Counselor
of Deeds for that state at this place and referring
him to yourself as a personal acquaintance, and
the only one known to his Excellency who could give
the information as to my fitness for the ~~position~~
which you know is not a lucrative one but
one that saves much time and trouble in
matters connected with the acknowledgment of
Deeds and the taking of depositions.

Should his Excellency require from you
such a voucher you will I know use your
pleasure in this matter. But allow me to ask
your pardon for using your name in this matter
without your express leave. I presumed upon a
personal acquaintance knowing that you have
many such letters to answer

I am Hon. Sir

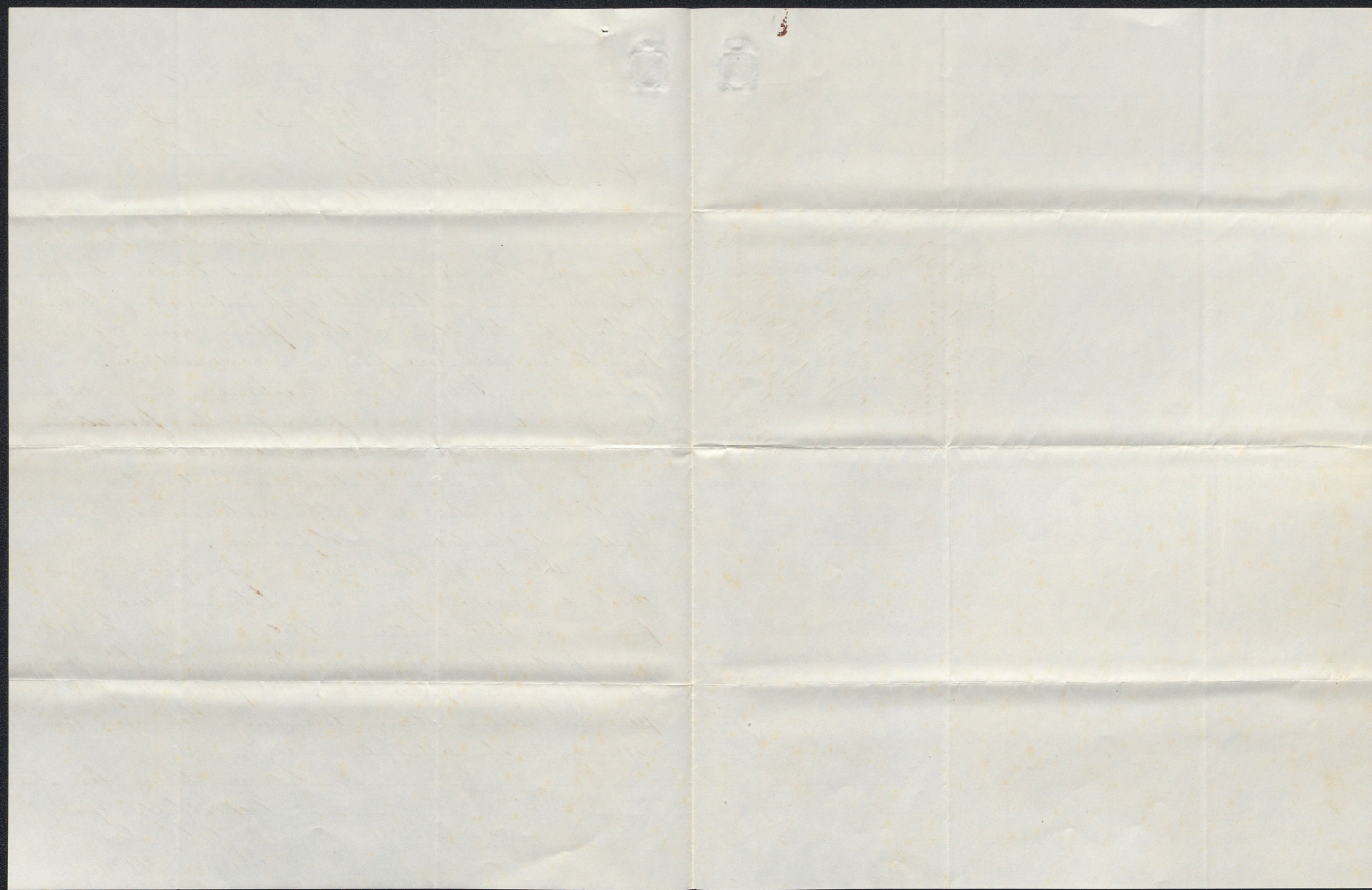
Respectfully Yrs
Oth. Lunt

Quincy McNeil

Lucey M. Hall
Rock Island Ill
Feb 8/88

Wants to be Com^d of Deeds
for Pennsylvania

Comm: procured
Sent him in
May.



Massachusetts Essex County
West Newbury Feb 8th 1858

Respectful Sir

I have taken the liberty to request you to send me such speeches and documents, (Congressional), as have a bearing upon the question of Territory

I have done this because I believe you are better looked up and headed up on that subject than any other Member of Congress

If I should make the same request to Mr. Wilson our Senator,

I should probably get but a one sided view of it

Now the public domain is to be disposed of, how and by whom definite territories are to be governed, and who is to have exclusive sovereignty, (it may be a mixed sovereignty, as not compatible with the best administration of our government) up to the time of admission as States

Is to Mr. Wilson the question for this or the next administration to be adjourned -

Mr. Buchanan seems to have no definite ideas, no definite plan of operation, it is a subject I have looked ^{with interest} at as a private citizen and not as one holding office or doing one, Respectfully - Moses Merrill

M. Newell
West Newbury
Essex Co Mass
Feb. 8, 1858.
wants species
approach yr course

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