

158 Madison Avenue

New York Feb'y 21st 1858

Senator Douglas

Sir

I have just finished reading your able, clear, and dignified Report on the Kansas difficulties, as published in the N.Y. Tribune, and I take this method of tendering to you my heartfelt thanks in being thus enabled to fully understand your position on this all exciting subject, and in which you differ from the views of the President and his supporters, who now favor the Leecompton fraud.

Go on Sir in your bold, patriotic and Manly defence of Truth Right and Justice, and you will be sustained by your Countrymen every where, who loves their Country's freedom, and her fearless Champions & defenders.

Here in the City of New York, where I was born, & have resided

all my life, and with quite as an
extended acquaintance as any Man
in it, I assure you Sir. The people of
this city - are with you heart and soul.

You of course are aware
the Democratic Organization here, is
entirely under the control of the
Federal Officials, and while they
believe it necessary for the retention
of their offices, to endorse the Ad-
ministration, believe me, "it is their
poverty that their will consents,"
cowardly though it be, I can but
commiserate their unfortunate po-
sition, and regret that circumstances
compel them to endorse sentiments
that from my acquaintance and
intercourse with them, I will venture
to assert nine tenths of them utterly
loudly & privately condemn.

I trust therefore you will
persevere to the end, be it bitter
or sweet, in your endeavors to se-
cure the Peace & happiness of our

Countrymen in the tumultuous Territory
of Kansas, and though I am but one
of your many adherents in this City,
who are always prepared to defend
your "good name & fame" whenever
assailed by your only defamers,
(the recipients - or expectants - of favors
from the Administration) and for no
other reason than because your con-
science & duty compels you to differ
with & oppose the policy of the
government in reference to this
Kansas War, which is deemed by
these Patriotic - incendiary & dangerous
to their pecuniary interests, yet not
withstanding their displeasure, you
can, (in trial or love, successful or
defeated in your Patriotic efforts to
serve your Country's interest,) believe
me as heretofore, truly & sincerely

Your Friend
Wm Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

Chas. M. Baker



Chas W. Barker
N.Y. City
Feb 21/58.

Has just read
your report - and
fully endorse it

Politically

St. Louis.
Feb 21st 1847

Saml. L. B. Buscome
wants to know what
District C. B. Matteson
represents.



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St. Louis Feb 21st 1847

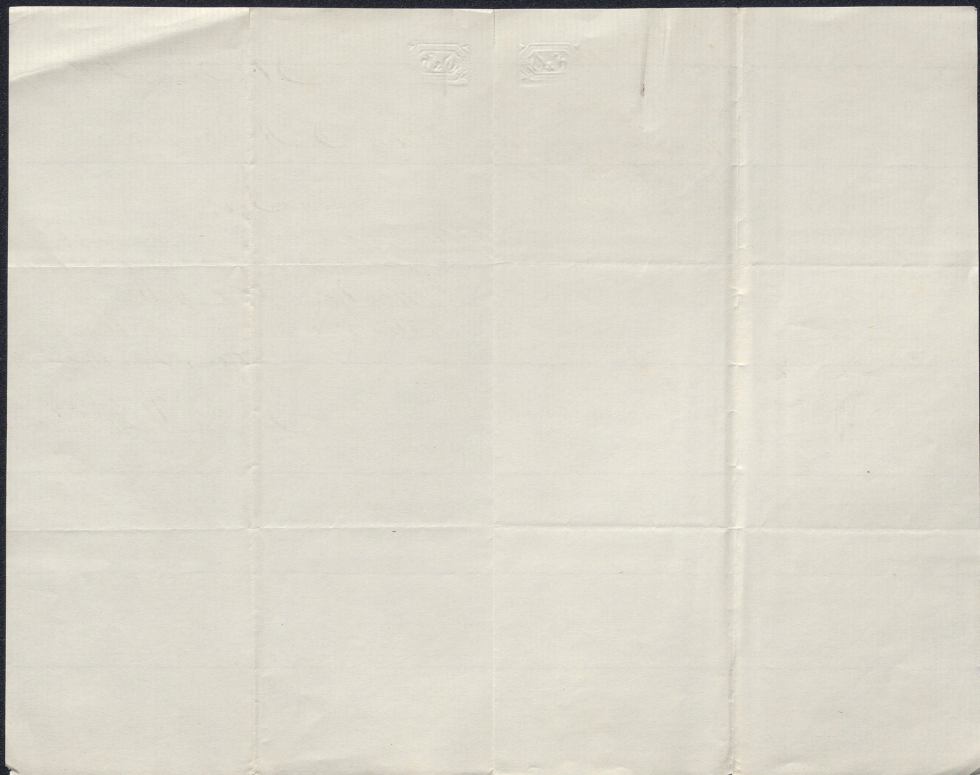
Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to
inform me from what District
in New York C. B. Matteson is
elected and very much oblige

Your Humble Serv^t

Samuel L. Buscome



Feb 21/58.

B. B. Chapman

Private,

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Sunday Feb 21st - 1858

I could not get time to call
 & see you today, before I
 had to leave on the Cars.
 Everything is going as I
 told you, only worse
 My wife has been quite
 unwell for sometime &
 I must go & see her.

Truly Yours

B. B. Chapman

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21st Feb'y 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Please forward to
my address, Walbridge P. O. Palestine Chang
Ill; I, C. R. R any Pub; documents
you may have to spare and greatly
oblige
your friend

Y^{rs} &c, &c, &c

W. S. Jackson

Malbridge.

Pulaski Co. Mo.

Feb'y 21/88.

W. S. Jackson.

Wm. Co. Pub. Docs.



Washington Illinois
Feb 21st 1858

Wm L. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,

Please send
me the Patent Office Report Agricultural,
and such other documents as you feel disposed to
send that would interest a farmer who takes
an interest in the Policies of his country.

And if you think any thing of sympathy from an
humble source allow me to say, God speed
you in your opposition to the Lecompton
fraud. The Democracy of old Baywell are
with you almost to a man.

Yours truly
Wm C Phillips



Wm C Phillips
Washington
Feb 21/58

Part-ly report
to



Cleveland Sunday
 Feb 21. 1858

Dear Douglass

How is your wife - Has she entirely recovered yet? What was the matter I hope ere this she is well - So the Heads of those who do not obey begin to fall - Well be it so. Thank God mine is all right & now sits better on my shoulders than now

I see you are out of the Party and I have to ask this favor of you. Be kind enough to advise me when you get into another so I can come in too.

There is no doubt of your position being the right one Judge & unless appearances are very deceptive the People are with you. My opinion is that before long the President will not have friends enough in the North West to hold the Offices. This would indeed be a calamity.

Remember us kindly to your wife & Boys & believe me

Yours Truly
 D. P. Richards

L. P. Rhodes.

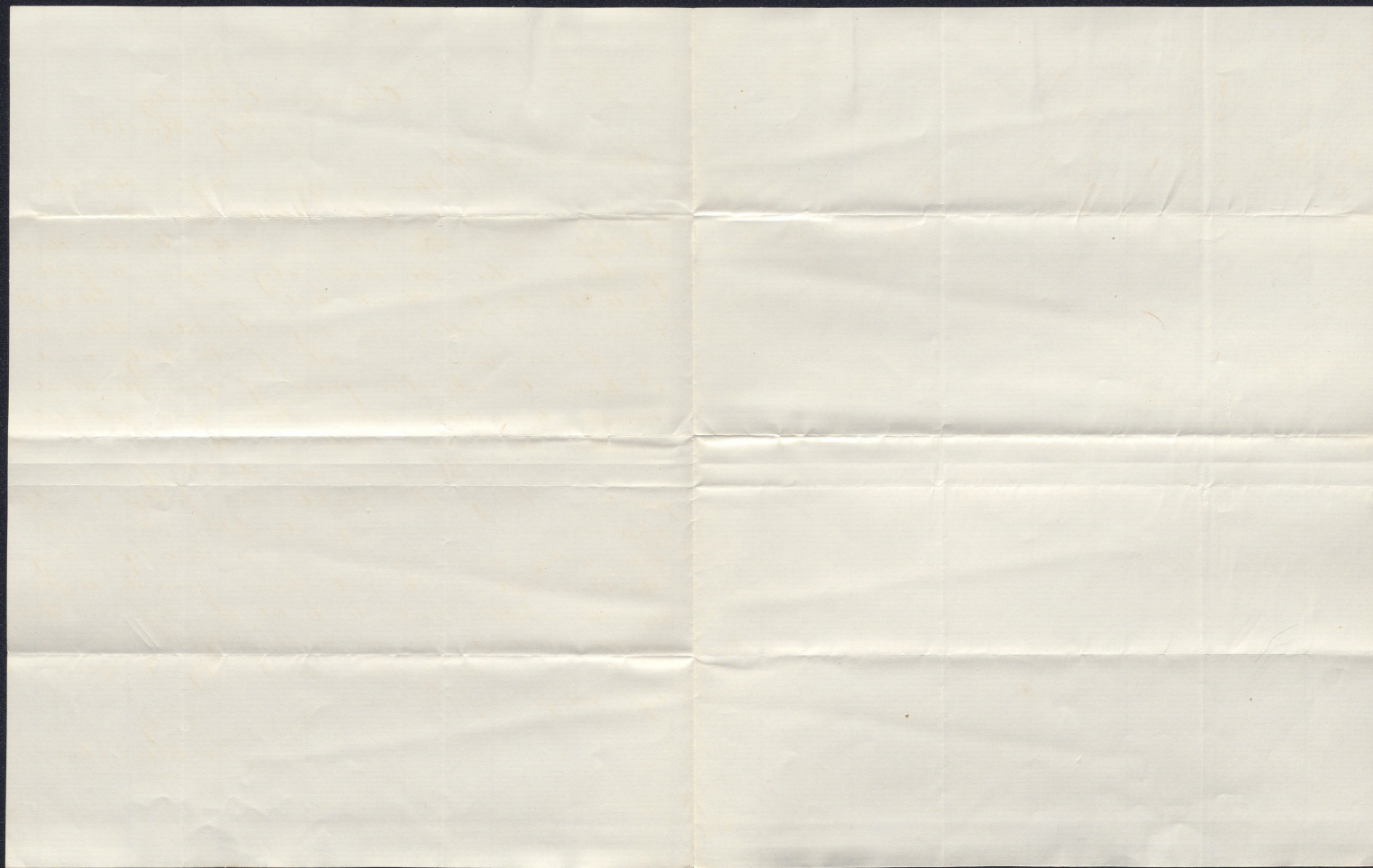
Cleveland Ohio

July 21st 1858.

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after Mr. D.
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Sent Copy of
Report.

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Cleveland Feb'y 21, 1858

My Dear

Permit me to introduce to
your favourable acquaintance Mr. Wm
Daggett of Chicago one of your
constituents and my friend.

Mr. D is on his wedding tour
and goes to N.Y. via Washington. Any
civilities shown him will be duly
appreciated by

Yours friend
Wm. W. Phelps

Hon S A Douglass
Washington
D.C.

Cleveland, Ohio.
Feb. 25th 1888.

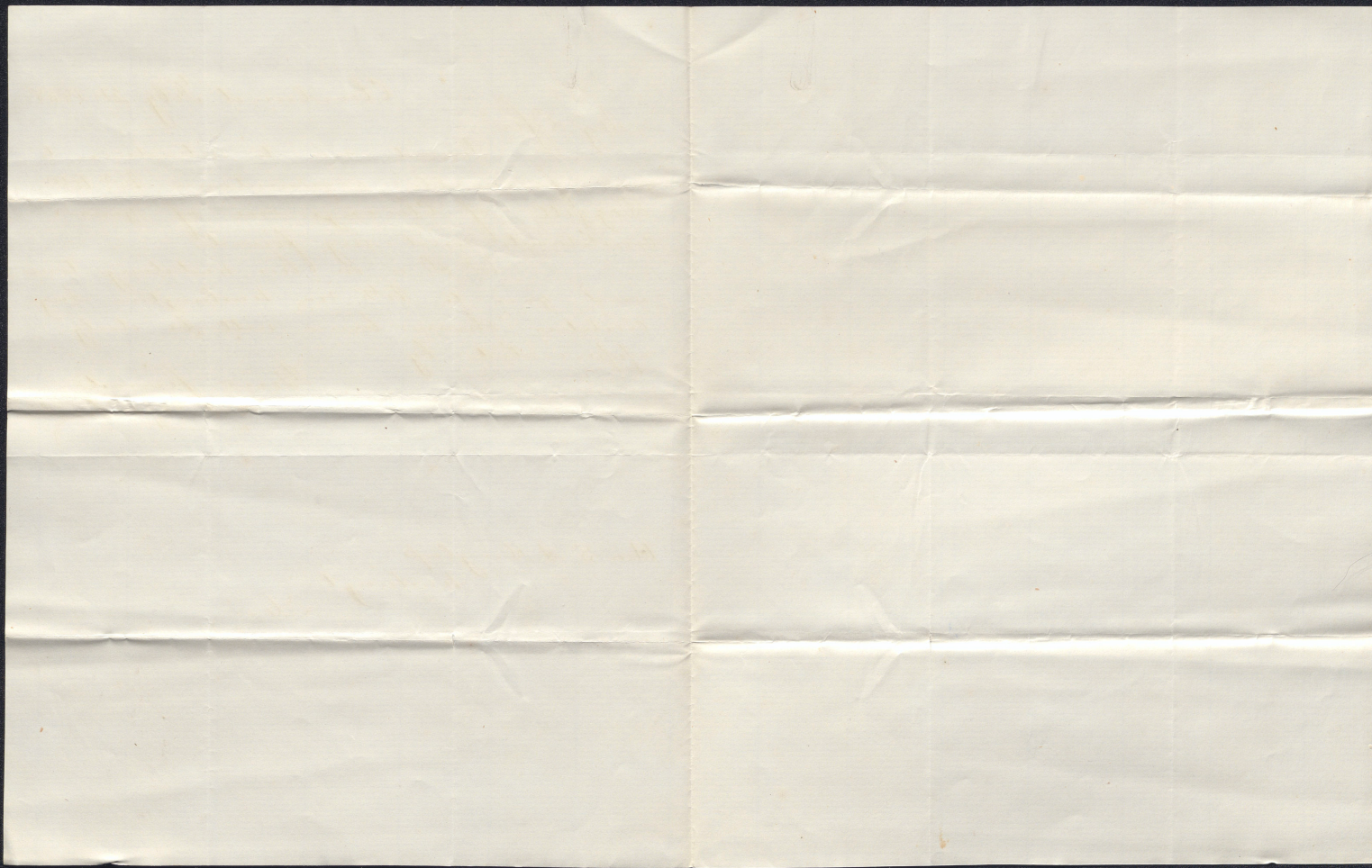
Dr. J. P. Rhoads.

Introducing

Mr. Wm. C. Eggert.

of Illinois

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^{my} February the 5th 18

Dear friend, I feel truly
thankful to hear of your success
in your official capacities and
hope to hear of your success in your
office and to sustain your position
as a patriot and friend to the union
I would be happy to have the state
report of the State of Illinois
this would record with my wishes as
a friend and advocate of the union
yours & John C. Wallace

S. A. Douglas

Direct yours to ~~the~~

Washburn & Co. Woodford Co

S. A. Douglas ^{Ills}

Traskburn.
Feb 21/58. Ala.

Pro C. Wallace.

from R. Tucker and
R. Burr.

Brooklyn, Ind.
122. Hicko. St.
Feb 26/58,
Gr. Wood bridge.

Wants Japan Expedi-
tion or Pacific R.R.
Exploration.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I desire
very much a copy of "Perry's
Expedition to Japan", and
should be glad if you can send
it to me, as I suppose you have
it for distribution. If you have
none left, please send me a copy
of the "Pacific Rail Road Survey",
or of the "Explorations of Col. G. E.
Fremont", and you will greatly
oblige me.

I desire to make use
of this opportunity to express the
gratification I have experienced
in watching your course in
opposition to the President, for
the defence of the rights of the
Kansas people to govern themselves.

and I cannot but feel greatly
encouraged when men of your
unquestioned ability are seen
to stand up for the right of
self government, which our
Southern brethren are so unwise
endeavouring to overthrow. May
strength and wisdom be given to
you, to fight on to the bitter end
if need be, in defence of the
principles of true Democracy; and
when the storm clouds of the
battle shall have passed away,
you will then receive your true
meed of honor, as you do now
in the hearts of all honest men,
as one who would not basefy
truckle with the free spirits of
free men, as do others, but as
one who manfully encountered scorn
and hostility in the defence
of Liberty against Despotism.

With great respect
I am,
Very truly Yours
February 26th
1858.
Joseph Woodbridge
124 Hicks St
Brooklyn
L.I.