

Truman J. Backus
Syracuse, N.Y.
March 19, 1858.

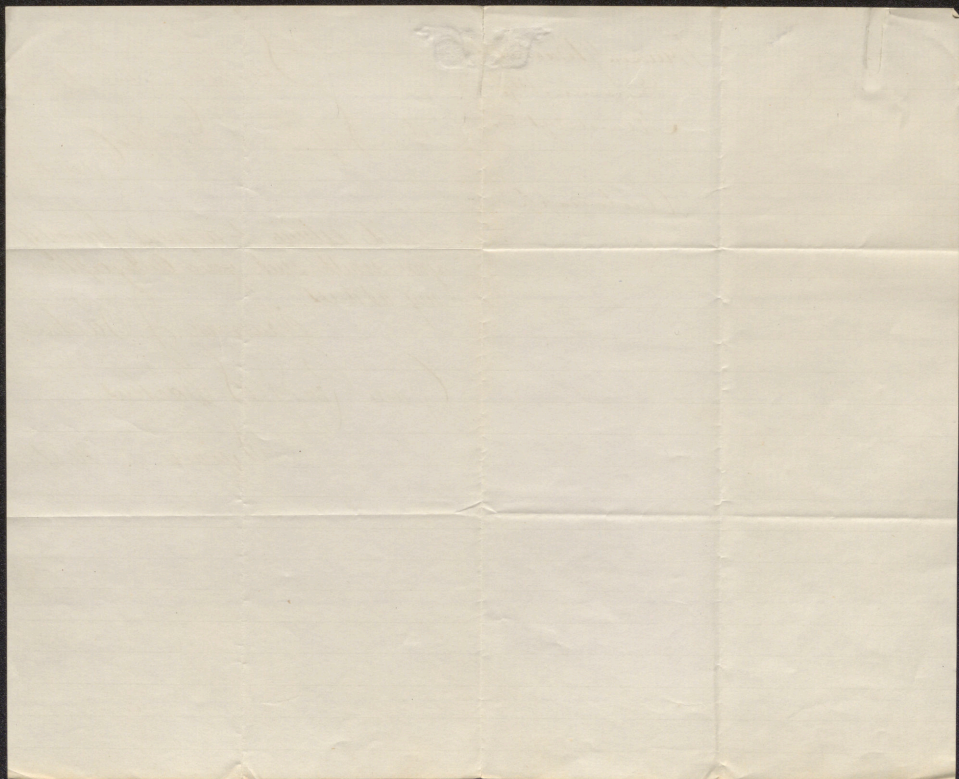
Autograph

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Syracuse March 19, '58.
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas Dear Sir

Should esteem it a great favor if
you would send your Autograph to
my address.

Truman J. Backus.
Care Rev J. S. Backus.
Syracuse. N. Y.



Timothy Call
Bangor, Me.
Wants Pac' R.R.
surveys

Reports sent
to all

March 19/58,



#285

Judge Douglas
Dear Sir

One request I ask of you, if you will
Send me one copy of the California Rail
Road Route across the Mountain, as been
Surveyed & Published, and in 1860 I will
Repay the if in my power by doing you
to the Head of this great Republic -
I am a stranger to you, But you are
Not to me, By your acts I know you -
I am one of the great Whig Party that
is Left, a strict Whig

Bangor March 15 1858

To the Hon Senator Douglas

I am your Friend

Timothy Call

mine



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st 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, etc.
 J. B. Smith

Received of
 J. B. Smith
 the sum of
 \$100.00
 for the same

133 French
Washington City
March 19/58.

Recommends
C. J. Russell
as private Clerk
to Judge Douglas

Wm. L. A. Douglas

By Mr. Russell

Washington,
Mar. 19. 1858.
Wm. L. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,
The bearer of this
is Mr. Charles J. Russell,
a brother in law of my
wife, & a good man.

He was in office under
Gen. Pierce's administration
& was removed by the
present. He is poor and
wants employment, &
understanding that the
young gentleman who
had been writing for you
Mr. Perkins, is about to
leave, he would be glad
to take his place.

Mr. Russell is a

Man you can rely on,
& I hope it may be
convenient for you
to employ him.

Very sincerely
your friend

P. J. Mearns



Chicago Mch 19th 1858

How S. A. Douglas
Washington, D. C.
My Dear

My old friend and partner L. H. Rees a
staunch Republican a few days since asked why I did
not write to you and tell you how warmly of course is
appreciated by such men as himself and his political
friends - Of course my reply was that you were too busy
to read friends letters and that the papers took
up all that in much more readable terms than
found in manuscripts

March 26th 1858

With a few minutes more to spare I will try to
finish what I designed merely as a word of en-
couragement to you - I complimented the
Senate since I wrote the foregoing - That we
knew would be the case - murder is not at all
damped - Henry Waller a strong Fillmore man
a staunch Kentuckian and you may perhaps
know an able debater, with whom I am quite
intimate said to me a month since "He thought
he had no place but Douglas tops to" - Yesterday he
told me he agreed with me fully, that under no



circumstances could he be a Republican
and that now he was a Douglas Democrat.
He said he saw that if reasoning was not
only correct but motives were pure -
stood him that the last was a concession we did not
ask at all - we knew it was true - but if the first
was a fact that was all that we wanted known.

Judge Morris called a few days since and in
talking the matter over he said nothing was
left to Americans a Willmore man (I assume
of the latter - never the former) but to stand up
to the Douglas standard.

Heure that this is the feeling with
the mass of the people Democrats all.

It is only upon that you should know
in and therefore I have written

Take care of your health - restrain
yourself - let your love, wife nurse you and
now that the matter is over in the Senate
and Buchanan has done his worst in
a way, that a small man only can do
let his "curses" like chickens come home
to roost" and his own fate.

There is but one opinion of his course in the
damnable theft, dwelling prostitution of the
Presidential chair to the purposes of personal
vindictive persecution.

With kind regards to your wife I am truly in Mr. Foot



S. H. Kerfoot
Chicago, Ill.

March 26, '53.

Political
alludes to friendly
sentiments of
J. H. Reed

Henry Waller

Judge Morris
of Chicago.

Portsmouth, Ohio,

March 19. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

I send you a list of the prominent Democrats in Lawrence and Scioto Counties, with their Post office address.

Greasy Ridge, Lawrence Co. Ohio.

Thomas C. Pagg P.M. (active, zealous, influential)
your friend, too

Joseph Massie

Alex. Taylor, Alexander Massie

Eli Massie, Squire Massie,

Wm Sampson, Moses D. Massie

Robt Rayburn, Henry Corn

Jesse Corn, Jeremiahs Seal

Philip Reed, John D Jones, Jas Robbins

Uriah Paine, Thomas Markins, Travis Waugh

Adam H. Corn, Lewis Hanes, Wm Taylor

Dr. Strait,

Waterloo, Lawrence Co. Ohio

Ely Rucker, Allen Payne, Sam. Barker,
H W Hatfield, S. L. Armstrong.

Willow Grove, Lawrence county. Ohio

Robt Richey Esq, Reuben Davidson

Sent March 24/58 McCook

Sent

Lawrence Furnace, Ironton, Ohio,
 John F. Goldcamp, A.D. Cropland,
 Joseph Smith, F. P. Leggett
 C. Culbertson A. Mannering
 Isaac Yates Wm Yates,
 Benj. Yates John Van meter
 A. Hoffman John Calbertson
 Thos. Saunders

Buck Horn Furnace, Campbell, P.O.
 Lawrence Co. Ohio,
 Jas Crichton, Charles Pethend
 Tho^t Pethend H. Heideres

Campbell P.O. Law. co. O
 R. Scott C. F. Bartles, W. R. Earhart
 H. Warnake August Droffe, Freeman Addis

Ursarius Furnace
 Ironton, Ohio,
 R. Hannaw, S. Shuff. R. Luneford
 Washington Furnace
 Samson P.O. Jackson Co.
 Sam^t. Washburne,

Clinton Furnace, Ironton, O
 David Ruth, George Ruth

Olive Furnace, P.O. Law. co. O
 W. McGinnis, John Ventus, C. Kingsbury

Coal Grove, Lawrence co. O
 John McDonald Wm Warren
 John Newton Sr Finly Holt,
 Tho^t Eldridge
 Wm J. Dills

South Point, Law. co. Ohio
 S. Atkins John Ferguson
 Charles M^c Coy Esq Geo Freeman
 John Brubaker Sam^t Kouns Esq
 Hon. B. Johnson R. L. Hopkins
 Burlington, Law. co. O

Joseph Davison
 George W Kouns (send him frequently - good man)
 Sam^t Bowman Stephen Dillens
 Hall C. Campbell Tho^t Campbell (good man)

Quaker Bottom, Ohio
 L. Purley, Lewis Fulkner
 Athens Ohio
 Hon Lewis Anderson, John Fernow Esq
 George W Baker
 D. H. Clark
 Stephen Dillow
 Dr. C. B. Hall
 Miller P.O. Ohio
 Thomas Farley
 Moses Varnum
 Hamilton Knight

all sent 24 March 1838

all sent

Aid P.O. Laurence Co. Ohio

Wm Knowlton, Nat. Davison, Jas M Knight
Wm A Boggs (good man, send often)

Thos Russell, Daniel Markins Allen Wilson
W Clark E. Willis - B. Hall, Geo Hardy
John W Johnson, W. L. Bates, Wm Roberts
Wm Bagg, Stephen Brown, John A Brown
Thomas Luneford, John Luneford, Wm
Luneford.

Aid sent

[send most of the Aid documents to
Wm A. Boggs. P.M. and Nat. Davison.]

Rock Camp Law co O

Rev. Elias Basil (a fortunate man, send often)
John B. Matney, John Rowe, Wm Pemberton,
R. C. Brannimer, Geo. W. Keyes, Tho. Steele,
J. B. Clay, P.M.,

Irish, Law co O

Jas M. Deering, Vincent Bruce, W. Kayler,
Hanging Rock, Laurence Co., O
R. C. Davison, (best man there) P. Soudey, Hon. S. Rogers,
Wm Guffitt, Jas Britt, Charles Worthington, A. J. Trumbo
Lot. O Robinson, Lefer Davison, Joseph Fyler
Amos Reed, F. Davies, George J. Trumbo,
Joseph S. Peebles, Saml. Coles,

Sent March 27th 1858

S. Evans

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Fronton, Ohio

Thos. McCarthy, (your best man) ^{with the Irish}
Joseph C. McGugin, (good man)
Dr B. P. Cony P.M.

⌚ R. Seete, (democratic member of Legislature
from Lawrence Co. a whole-hog democrat
of the Douglas school. When he comes home
which will be in a few weeks, make him
your right hand man in Lawrence county.
Send documents by wholesale - he will take
care of them. Seete is worth a hundred
ordinary men.

Jonas S. Rhodermout, Geo B. Ritchey
David Neim, Francis Siegel, Jas Marum
Henry Goli, Henry C. Rogers, Thomas Langan,
Dan. M. Daniels, Hugh Brooks, John W. Fisher,
Dr John P. Morris, John E. Jones, Wm Grimshaw
B. Savage, P. McKee, Wm St. Clair, A. F. Brattin,
Martin Gillen, Henry Wilson, John Lucas,
Pat. Murphy, Thomas Leary, John Sharp,
John W. Sandford, N. Worrell, S. Montgomery,
Michael Hoffman, Thos O'Neal, Stephen White,
John Sloan, Henry Woods, Wm Wilson, W. T.
McQuigg, John J. Vinton, Lewis Campbell
James Sloan, Thos Holleran, Archd. McBride

Ironton P.O. Continued

Thos. Baxter, Joel Stover, Ben. Savage, J.F. Barber
Frederick Miller, Joshua Hambleton, C.W. Limmon,
J.W. Willard, Geo Willard, Moses W Davis,
R. Lewis, John P. Merrill, Jas. Menill, E. High,
Henry S. Seal, David J. Martin, "Register"

Sent Mar. 27/58 J. Evans

For Your best men to send bundles of doc-
uments to are

Thos. C. Fagg, Greasy Ridge, Lawrence Co.

E. Basil Rock Camp, " " "

S. W. Kouns, Burlington " " "

Thos. McCarthy } Ironton " " "

R. Leste

R. b. Carifem, Hanging Rock, " " "

John Parnan Arkatic " " "

Saml. Washburne, Samsen, Jackson Co. O

A. D. Cropland, Lawrence Parnan Ironton O

W. A. Boggs Aid, O

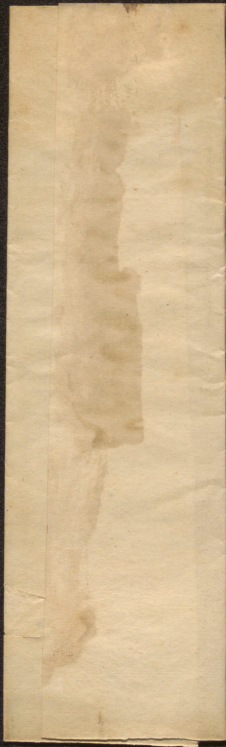
I am Editor of the Democratic organ
of Scioto and Lawrence Counties, the "Spirit of
the Times," printed here, (Potsdam) Whatever
can be done, that I will do. Send me documents
for distribution here in Scioto county, I will
take care of them.

Yours Faithfully
All sent Mar 30th/58 W. C. Hood
J. Evans

W. C. Wood
Portsmouth
Ohio
March 19/58.

Sister
of
Lawrence
Scioto
County
Ohio.

Report sent
as within
to all.



Salmon Falls, N.H.
March 19, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I must be pardoned for presuming upon your notice, also for intruding on your valuable time, but we, democrats of New Hampshire, are peculiarly situated, politically at the present time, as you are aware. Not being represented, as a party, in Congress, we get no favors from our congressional members, either in the Senate or House. For myself, although in times past I used to receive any quantity of "Val. Doc's," during the present session I have not received from any member even a copy of a speech with the exception of one from J. P. Hale, and that was far from being at all edifying, as he is far from being a favorite of mine. I know him and all of his antecedents too well!

I have ever carefully watched your congressional course, and am hoping

to say, that you have even had my
admiration. During your advocacy
of "Toombs' bill" when you were, as you
are aware, most bitterly reviled and
scandalously misrepresented, I, with
what feeble voice and pen ~~that~~ I
could throw into the scale, defended
you at the private circle, on the
"stump" and through the columns of a
newspaper that I am a correspondent for.

But when the present agitation
in regard to the admission of Kansas under
the "Lecompton constitution" came up, and
I saw with regret Mr. Buchanan using
his influence to perpetrate the wrong,

I was almost induced to desert the
party, and do not know that I should
have done so, had not yourself, with
your brilliant genius and overpowering
eloquence, come to the rescue. Sir, I
venially believe, had it not been for
yourself that ere this, one of the greatest
if not the very greatest wrongs that was
ever perpetrated by a republican
government, would have been committed,
and Popular Sovereignty, that great and
only true principle of our form of

government, and that principle which
you labored so hard to establish, would
have been completely overthrown, as far
as the carrying out of it was concerned.

Strongly that our worthy President
can be so infatuated as to make such a
mockery of that sacred principle!

As I live, sir, I believe you to be the
savior of our country's best interests,
liberties, even, I might almost say, and
I have no doubt that your reward is in
store for you. Who dares say that Stephen
A. Douglas will not be our future
president? I am not afraid to venture
that he will be Mr. Buchanan's immediate
successor! At the very next campaign

New Hampshire will go for you, on such
me down as no prophet! Perhaps you
will not favorably receive these remarks
of mine, but I pledge you my honor that
they are the irresistible convictions of an
honest heart and I trust not the emanations
of a foolish head - Perhaps, also, you will
think I am a stranger to that jewel, modesty,
that is so valuable in a man of common
sense. If so, I will say that no immediate
sentiment has actuated me in writing you

as I have done, and I pray that my
remarks will be received by you in
a kindly spirit, for surely that is the
feeling that has impelled me to write.

I do not claim to be a prominent
individual in the democratic ranks of the
state, although I have been so honorably
connected with the party that I am
known to all the members of our last
state convention, and had you, sir, been
our president, all our candidates then
and there nominated would now have
been elected to fill the places that they
are so well fitted to! instead of those that
the people seem to have preferred, judging
from the result of our late election.

Most surely the president's mistaken
course in regard to Kansas has been the
whole cause of our defeat. And will it
stop here? Alas, I fear not! May it
please the good Lord, to speedily restore
to you your accustomed good health, that
you may be able to take your place in
the Senate as the champion of the just
cause that you are now so auspiciously engaged
in, for surely so I believe, most solemnly, that our
beloved country's welfare depends upon your sole
exertions — Believe me, most truly,
Your ardent admirer, & Severance, M

D. S. Would I be asking too much of you should I request you to send me a few copies for distribution of the Hon. J. J. Crittenden's late speech on the admission of Kansas? I know I could do very much good with a few of them as the mass of the people of this state only will receive merely the telegraphic reports of it through some of the Boston daily papers - There are so few Washington papers taken in this state that the people are not kept posted on what is said and done at Washington to scarcely any extent at all -

Any other similar favor that I might receive from you, will be most gratefully received - and I will try to do all the good I can through such means. I think I could very profitably distribute any anti-Secession Democratic documents that I might receive at any time - I would also try to make a good use of any other "Pub. Docs." such as Patent Office reports, statistical works &c. &c. I regret to be obliged to ask so much of an M. C. from another state than my own.

D. S.

Dr. Levermore
Salmon Falls
N. H.

Mar. 19/88.

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232 PEARL-STREET,

New-York, Feb. 19th, 1858.

GENTLEMEN,

DAVID McMURREAY, JR., having been so unfortunate as to fail, during the late commercial crisis, and as I was his endorser to a large amount, I took BRUSHES to secure myself. As my health is very poor, being under the constant care of a physician, I have made Edward A. McMurray, son of David McMurray, Jr., my Agent, for the disposal of the same. I am determined to close out the stock of BRUSHES, by the 15th of April, if possible, and at such prices as will command immediate sale, making a liberal discount to those who pay cash.

Should you be in want of any *Brushes for the Spring or Fall Trade*, I will make you the following very liberal offer: From the PAINT BRUSHES, SASH TOOLS, VARNISH BRUSHES, COMMON and EXTRA WHITEWASH BRUSHES, I will take (35) thirty-five per cent. off, and (5) five per cent. off all other goods.

TERMS—Note at six months, with current rate of exchange on New-York, or (10) ten per cent. off for cash—all bills less than (\$100) one hundred dollars to be cash.

As you have had BRUSHES from David McMurray, Jr., it is unnecessary for me to enumerate their good qualities, it is sufficient to say, they could not be made for the prices I am offering them to you. But they must be sold by 15th of April. They are all new and in the best of order; the principal part of the stock consists of Paint Brushes, Varnish Brushes, Sash Tools, and Whitewash Heads, and I have a fair assortment of all other kinds.

Should you favor me with an order, it will receive prompt attention.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I am,

Respectfully,

EDWARD A. McMURRAY, Agent

For ROBERT D. McMURRAY.

My dear Sir
 I am an endorser to the
 amt of \$4000 and the
 parties will take judgment
 against ^{me} to the amt of \$1000—
 and my only hope is a
 Bankrupt law I am
 24 years old & have a
 family to support, they
 will never let me off
 until I am rendered
 worthless by age.
 Hoping you will advocate
 a Bankrupt law I remain
 an admirer of intrinsic worth
 Respy



Mr. Jones.

March 19/88

E. A. McManis

Wants you to
support a Bankrupt
Law

CHAS. HARRISON & CO. NEW YORK

S C Manchester
Burrill
Winnebago Co. Ills
March 19. 1858.

Wants Survey
of the Central
Route for R Road
to Pacific.

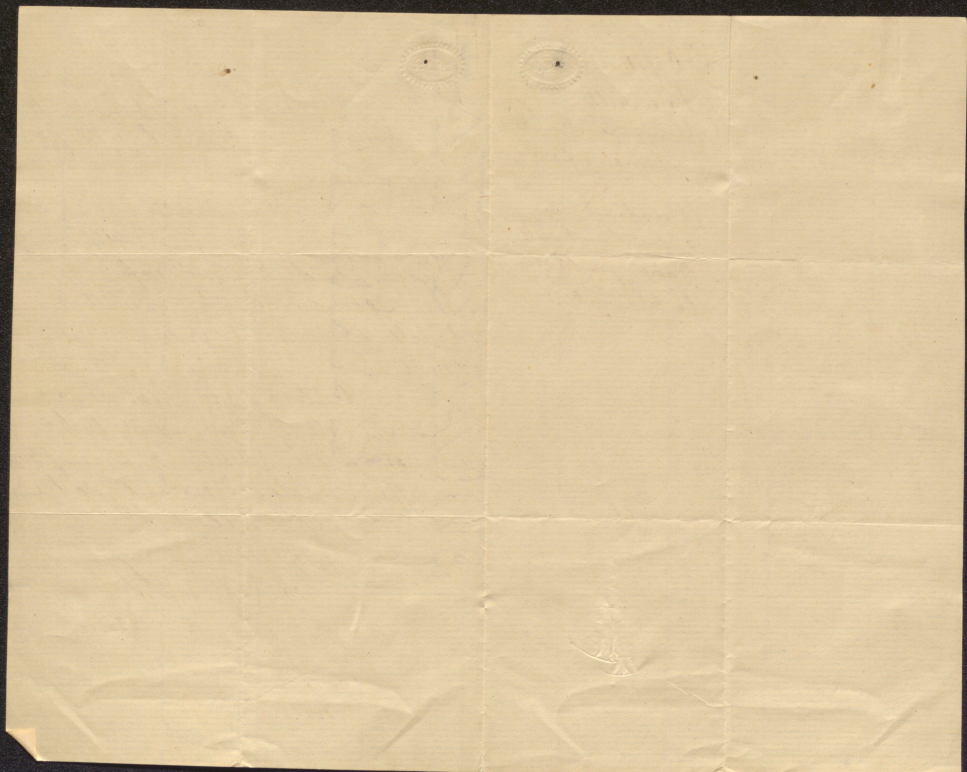
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Burrill, Winnebago Co, Ills
March 19th 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass;— Will you
please send me a copy of
the Survey of the Central
route for a Railroad to the
Pacific?

Politics are not much
active. All parties seem to be
awaiting the result of Leighton
in the Senate. For God's sake,
if possible, defeat it.

Yours truly,
S C Manchester.



Newton Sussex Co, N. J.-

March 19, 1858

Am Stephen A Douglass
Dear Sir

You are respectfully invited
to attend and address a Democratic Anti-
Secompton meeting, to be held at Newton
on Tuesday the 30th instant, pursuant to a
call signed by nearly 700 Democratic voters
of this County, published in the "New Jersey
 Herald", a copy of which is herewith sent to
you-

The undersigned a committee, in behalf of
the Democrats who have signed this call,
earnestly hope that it will be in your
power to accept this invitation

Will you be good enough to favor us
with as early a reply as convenient, addressed
to either of the undersigned Committee
Very Respectfully

J. C. Moore
Amy D. Stevenson
Nehemiah W. Leaster
Committee

Newton. N. J.
March 19th 8.

C. C. Moore & others
(committee)

Wants you to be
present, & address a
Dev. meeting to
be held at Newton
on the 30th inst,

But Reports to Each



My dear friend
I have just received
your letter of the 10th
and am very glad to hear
that you are well and
hope to see you soon.

Magnolia Ills
March 19th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Ex. Sec.

I beg

your pardon for this
intrusion - but I will
obscure brevity - I formerly
resided in Ohio - & when
there I read a great
many Congressional
Documents from our
members from our District
but I am now located
at this place & any speeches
or documents from Washington
will be thankfully read

Very Truly Yours

W. R. Taggart

Magnolia
Putnam Co. Ills



J R Taggart
Magnolia
Ala.

March 19/58.

Wants Speeches, &c.

Princeton N.J. March 19,

To The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

You will
confer a favor on the undersigned by
transmitting to his direction, as soon as
convenient, a copy of the "Secombe
Constitution" together with your own
speech on the affairs of Kansas.

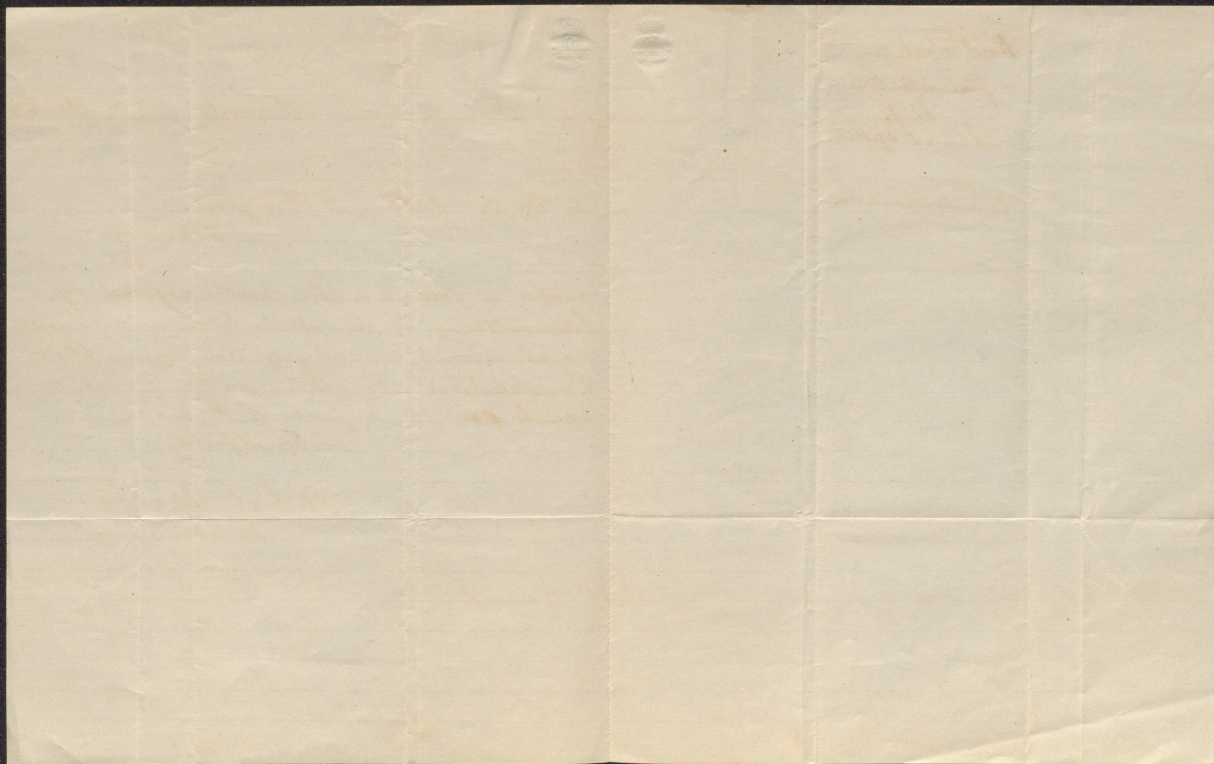
Respectfully

Robert Tailor

Princeton College
N.J.

Robt Tarleton
Princeton College
N.J.
March 19. 1858,

Wants Speech La,



J. E. T. Thomas,
Geneva,
March 19/58

Autographs



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Geneva Mar 19/58

Dear Sir
As I am making a collection of autographs it would give me great pleasure to add yours to my number. Hoping you will comply with my request.

I am Sir
Yours truly
J. E. T. Thomas

Walnut Hills
Geneva
N. Y.



Bordenton N. J. March 19. 1858

Dear Judge

Judge Randolph, late Member
of Congress from this State, & Co. Allen
of the State Senate will hand
you this letter - These Gentlemen
are highly respected in N. Jersey,
and are both leading Members
of the American party - This
party in New Jersey and the
Republicans generally are
disposed to unite with the
Anti-Scamptor Democrats on
the platform of popular sovereignty.
With such a Union, New Jersey
would be nearly as unanimous
as Illinois, and give an effective
support to a just and honest
policy - Permit me to introduce
these two Gentlemen to you
a personal acquaintance and to recommend
them to your confidence.

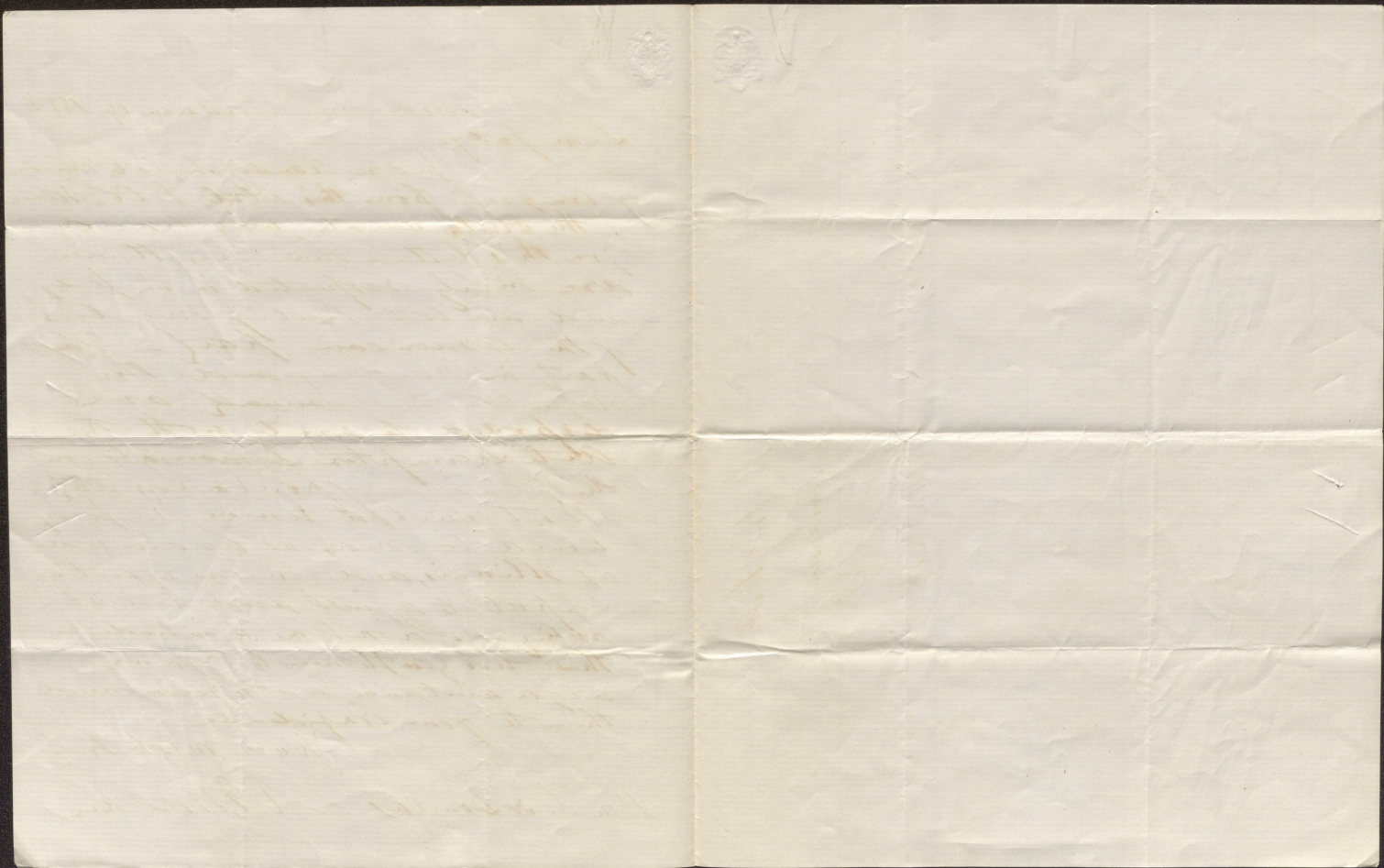
Yours most truly

Hon. S. A. Douglas R. Walker

Hon. Robt Walker
Bordentown
N.J.

March 19. 1858.

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Forest, Hamilton County, Ohio:

19th March, 1858.

J. A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Yesterday George Gluck, informed that Button had deserted you, was Secret Mail Agent in Ill., and in connection with others endeavouring to establish an administrative Paper at Chicago. If this is true I sincerely regret it; I expected better of him and must confess myself deceived in the man.

At the Convention at Cincinnati no one took a more lively part or laboured with more assiduity to permeate your interest than Charley Button. And I am, even now, unwilling to believe that any thing save sheer necessity could have induced him to accept office from the hands of Buchanan.

For the estrangement of some of your former friends you can blame yourself, for your neglect of, and want of courtesy towards them had much to contribute your conduct in this respect as a species of ingratitude and wholly without any excuse whatever.

No one any discernment can fail to perceive that it is the intention of Buchanan, aided by a few of the South, to sacrifice you.

But they will, as in ~~some~~ other thing they have under-
taken, fail, and their acts as a judgement
will resound on their own heads: "Whom the gods
mean to destroy, they first make mad."

The influence which the President can
exercise in the appointment of persons to the various
offices at his disposal, will operate strongly vs. you.

About this will no doubt continue as long as he is
President. But, his enmity at the expiration of his
term, must together with the opposition you now meet,
fall to the ground.

As I pass over
the country, in my business pursuits, I notice that
those who oppose your position on the Kansas contro-
versy, and for coincide with the sentiments of Mr.
Buchanan, are persons who either hold office
under him or are expecting favors at his hand.

Glück is still true to you - George W. F. is, could not buy
him at the Anti. Convention, though he bid high for
in writings, and tried hard to get him.

I am determined to sink or swim with you, having
chosen my side more than two years ago and am willing to
abide the result patiently awaiting the time when justice,
which must come sooner or later, will be done to you.

Douglas is not in your favor to render me any
favor, and, therefore, I have nothing to expect at your hands,
but, as long as you continue to advocate and maintain
what I consider the true principles of Democracy, I will
always be found near you, strengthening

and supporting you, to the ut. most of my
ability in upholding the great principles
of the National Democratic Party.

And though all men else
forsake your cause I will never leave you.

Respect fully yours,
Thomas M. Ward.

T. D. // Douglas, you must maintain a more
determined carriage - and at the same time
a kindly bearing - with a bold front that
shall at once show your enemies that
you are not to be brow-beaten in the
Senate or prevented from the accomplish-
ment of your grand object the sub-
stitution of the reformed Constitution
to the people.

As this. It is supposed that you did not
fight Old & den, a senator from Ky threw
you off your guard - and this not
doubt led E. C. Breckenridge to use the
language which he did in House trucks
on the other day - keep your eye open
this man has a deep & true spirit to
entrap you and kill you off. He will fail. //

Thos. M. Ward
Forest
Hardin Co
19/Mar 58, Ohio

Political

Rochester New York
March 19th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas }
Washington D.C. }

Dear Sir

Will you do
me the favor of sending your
speeches on Kansas, & also that
of Hon - Crittenden - In fact to
keep a Douglas Democrat posted
Very truly Yours

Walter Wood

Walter Wood

Rochester

Ny.

March 19./58

Wants Spectator