

Stinson College
Carlisle Pa.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I write you this
letter for the purpose of requesting you to send
me a copy of your last speech. In doing so you
will oblige me very much.

Yours Truly

J. W. Sell

W. B. Bell
Dickinson College
Concord, N. H.
April 1858

Wants Speech

Bell Creek N. T.
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir

Will your Honor do me the great favor to send me your speech on the LeCompton Constitution

You will by doing so oblige an admiring friend & one now under many obligations to your Honor.

If it please your Honor you will direct to H. R. Benjamin
Bell Creek Dodge County N. T.

& oblige your humble servant
H. R. Benjamin

J R Benjamin

Bell Creek
Lodge Co.

Nebraska,

April 1858,

Wants Speeches.



Wyoming State Co Mines
 New S. A. Douglas
 Senate W. D.

Dear Sir,
 I wish to Obtain part 1st - 2^d and 3rd of the Patent
 Office Report for 1856 or 7. And I don't know of
 any person who would be more likely to favor me
 by sending them than the Hon. Senator Althugh
 I dislike to impose upon your time and patience -
 you will please grant my Request and pardon
 me for this my first intrusion into your good
 nature
 Yours Very Respectfully
 C. W. Turner

PS

I would be pleased to distribute any tracts or
 documents you so prefer to send me for that purpose
 C. W. T.

C. W. Brown
Weymouth,
Stark Co. Ills
April 1858,

Wants, Pat Off. Reps

Specs. to distribute

Seals

Camden Carroll to Indians
 Mr S. A. Douglas
 Sir

Send me
 Twentyfive Copies of your Minority
 Reports on the Freedmen's Constitution
 want them for my particular
 democratic friends

Wm. Chapman to him
 F. S. A. N. Y. at
 Camden Ind

Sent 18 Reports

Thompson Alice
Camden,
Ind.,
April, 1858,

Wants "Reports"

Memorandum.

Joseph S. Otten - Entered Mil. Acad.
(dead)

July 1. 1843. Left Sept. 1845 -
appointed 2d Lieut. 2d Regt Mar. 8/47.

Robert C. Wood, Jr. Entered Mil. Academy
(resigned)

1850 - Left 1853 - Appointed
2d Lieut. 2d Cavalry Mar. 3/55.

Samuel Cooper. Entered Mil. Acad. 1854.
(in the army)

Left January 1855. Appointed
2d Lieut. 1st Cavalry Feb. 21. 1857.

Presley O. Craig. Entered Mil. Acad. 1853.

Left January 1854. Appointed
2d Lieut. 2d Regt. May 14. 1857.

Thomas E. Turner. Entered Mil. Acad. 1853.

Left January 1854. Appointed
2d Lieut. 2d Cavalry May 20/57.

Lawrence Kirk. Entered Mil. Acad. 1853.

Left 1854. Appointed 2d Lieut.
1st Cavalry June 30/57.

Memorandum
in Sicut
Presley Graig's
Order,

Confirmed
April 1858

St Joseph, Missouri

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Sir, Please send
me a copy of Commerce and
Japan Expedition and oblige

S. Douglass Democrat
Peter Lashbrook



Peter Lashbrook
St Josephs.
Me.
April 1858

Wm. P. R.
R. R. R.
R. R. R.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Sir,

You will please favor
me with a copy of your speeches on the
Kansas question.

Yours with respect,
J. W. C. Mc Carthy
Pittsburgh
Penn.



J. M. McCarthy
Petting
pal
April 1858.

NATIONAL FOUNDRY.

Memorial of the Citizens of Cumberland and Allegany County, Md.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed at a public meeting of the citizens of Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to memorialize your Honorable Bodies on the subject of the location of a *National Foundry*, beg leave respectfully to state, that in the opinion of the undersigned, and we confidently believe that we may add, in the opinion of all men experienced in the manufacture of iron and of such articles as the United States Government will desire to manufacture at a National Foundry, the city of Cumberland possesses advantages which are unequalled at any point in the Union.

In the first place, the city of Cumberland is situated far enough in the interior of the country to be protected from the assaults of a foreign foe under all the contingencies of war.

In the second place, it is situated in a county abounding in bituminous coal of the best quality to be found on the continent, and in the midst of iron ores of every conceivable quality, and in quantities that are inexhaustible.

In the third place, wood is so abundant that its value is but nominal.

And in the fourth place, the city is situated at the terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, leading to the cities of Washington and Alexandria—on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and at the terminus of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, and but a few miles from the junction of the Alexandria, Loudon and Hampshire Railroad with the Baltimore and Ohio. By all of these avenues a direct and speedy transit would be open to the government to every part of the Union.

In determining the proper site of a National Foundry, the controlling consideration is, "can you obtain the material in abundance, of the quality and character required?"

In answering this inquiry, the undersigned can with great confidence answer in the affirmative. We have coal of a superior quality for the purposes of a foundry, altogether inexhaustible, which can be delivered at the foundry at 75 to 80 cents per ton. The large or fourteen feet vein of coal produces a superior coke, and the six feet vein of coal works raw or uncoked as well as any anthracite coal. These facts in regard to the coke and the coal of the six feet vein have been fully proved by an experience of its use for several years.

In regard to the iron ores of the adjacent region, the undersigned can state that iron ores of every kind and description are found in abundance. Brown hematite or pig iron is found in great abundance. This ore, mixed with ball iron, also found in large quantities in this region, produces an iron equal to any in the world, and is peculiarly adapted to casting cannon. The fossil ores immediately around Cumberland have been worked for many years, and have been found to produce a superior iron. The carbonate of iron in great abundance is found near Piedmont, Va., on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 28 miles west of Cumberland. Within a circuit of thirty miles around Cumberland, embracing parts of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, iron ore of every description is found in great abundance, which can be brought to the city by the different railroads at a small cost.

Any one who is at all acquainted with this region of the country, knows that a large portion of it is heavily timbered, and that any amount of charcoal can be furnished at a cost not exceeding six to seven cents per bushel, delivered at the foundry. Cold blast charcoal iron of the first quality, can be manufactured here at from \$21 to \$22.50 per ton.

There are now in operation in this region a number of iron foundries. There are others building in Pennsylvania and Virginia, within a few miles of Cumberland, having direct communication by railroad with this point. The cannon ball manufactured at the Mount Savage Iron Works a few years ago, from ores in the immediate vicinity of Cumberland, was pronounced by the officers of the government of superior quality. The neighboring regions of Pennsylvania and Virginia, lying within thirty miles of this point, could produce any quantity of iron or iron ore. The Union Coal and Iron Company's Foundry, of Pennsylvania, is situated about 8 miles from this point, with railroad connection; the Vulcan Furnace, and the New Creek, of Virginia—the first at a less distance, and the second about 20 miles. These foundries, with the Mt. Savage, the Lonaconing, and the Lena, of our own county, with others about to be erected, would furnish any desired quantity of iron at the lowest rates prevailing any where in this country.

A committee from the ordnance department of the government, a few years ago, after examination, reported that the best timber for gun carriages of large caliber was found in great abundance in Allegany County, Maryland, and in the neighboring counties of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Of the correctness of this report there can be no doubt.

The health of the city, with its pure mountain air, is beyond all controversy. The living is cheap, and the material for building nearly one-half less than in any other locality. Brick \$4.50 per thousand, and lumber \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hundred feet. Limestone, stone and sand are abundant.

The undersigned do not ask that these statements be taken as true, but propose to send to Washington specimens of the different iron ores, to have them analyzed; and they ask that scientific men, and men having practical knowledge of the quality of different ores, may be sent here to verify the truth of the statements here made. Any one who is a judge of iron ore, coal and coke can very easily satisfy himself that all the material which will be required in a foundry is here, of the best quality, and in great abundance; and the undersigned feel well assured that upon investigation it will be found that the city of Cumberland offers more inducements for the location of a National foundry, than any other point that can be selected in the whole Union.

THOMAS J. McKAIG,
T. S. RICHARDS,
J. B. GORDON,
JOHN BEALL,
LEWIS SMITH,
M. TREIRER.

GEORGE A. PEARRE,
J. T. EDWARDS,
C. H. OHR,
HENRY BRUCE,
A. L. WITHERS,
DOUGLAS PERCEY.

H. T. WELD,
THOS. DEVECOMB,
H. W. HOFFMAN,
THOMAS PERRY,
G. W. CLABAUGH,
DANIEL SAYLOR.

JOSEPH SHRIVER,
AZA BEALL,
D. W. McCLEARY,
WM. O. SPRIGG,
W. W. McKAIG,
JAS. W. JONES.

C. M. THRUSTON.

Mr. J. McKaig.
Lithgow.

Cum gratias
Ag.

April 1858,

Memorial
for National
Funding there
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S M Mullay
Greenfield
Ohio.
April 1858

Wants assistance

Greenfield Ohio

1712

Dear Stephen Douglass dear
Sir after my best reflects to
you I had the misfortune to
lose my wife when you look
back to illinois you will re-
collect me I got a quarinted
with you ~~in~~ when you was
in the land office in Spring
field I voted for you when
you run a quinter Cal May for
Congress I have all ready swort
in for you and have had
bad luck I ask a small favor
of you I want to go back to
illinois if you would be
so good as to send me a boat
thirty dollars I will pay it back
when you return home My
name is Stephen M Mullay I man-
ed a sister of the Rev John
Burger of Springfield your

will confer a lasting favor
on me by complying with
My request I feel confident
that I can do a rough for
you to satisfy you if will
send me in that way if
you feel any ways dissatisfied
of my being the same man
I am a very large man six
and a half feet high your
attention to this will confer
a lasting favor on your old
friend your with respect
S. M. Mullan

L Roy McLean Co Ills
L A Douglas

Kind Sir

Will
you please send me the vol-
umes containing the presidents
^{annual} message & accompanying docu-
ments (as published by Congress)
for the last three years. I ask
this favor, because we live in an
out of the way place where it is
impossible for us to procure
such documents in any other
way. Any document relating
in any way to the government
or more particularly to the present
administration, will be thankfully
received & used to advantage.

I remain your friend

J. W. Noble

Sent

L Roy
McLean Co
Ills



L. G. Noble
S. Roy
McLean Co. Ill.
April 1858.

Wants Pres. Dr.
Mepage - Lc

Seute

Haverhill Mass April 1858.

Sir.

As I am collecting the Autographs
of Honorable men, if convenient, Please
send me yours, and you will greatly Oblige.

D. Leighton Ordway.

W. S. Lighton & Co. way,
Haverhill
Mass.
April 1858.

Autograph

Sento

April 1858

Hon. A. S. Douglass

Dear Sir

I write you this
short note, for the purpose of obtaining
your speech, delivered before the Senate
upon, "President's message" which you
by so doing will greatly oblige
your Obt. Servt

W. L. Phillips
Athens Georgia

Athens Ga.

M. S. Phillips

at home

April 58. Go

Wants speech

Pennsylvania 777

Westington Armstrong County

Wth Stephen A Douglas

My Dear Sir I Congratulate you on the triumph
of Freedom and as you delivered a speech
last before Legation for us ^{on this side} passed would you be
so kind as to send me a copy of that speech
Please send to the other two gentlemen
I will just say that I received your other
speeches Thanks to you yours Truly

John W. Hammett
Samuel Scott
George W. Smith

John C. Ramsay
Washington
Armstrong
B. A.

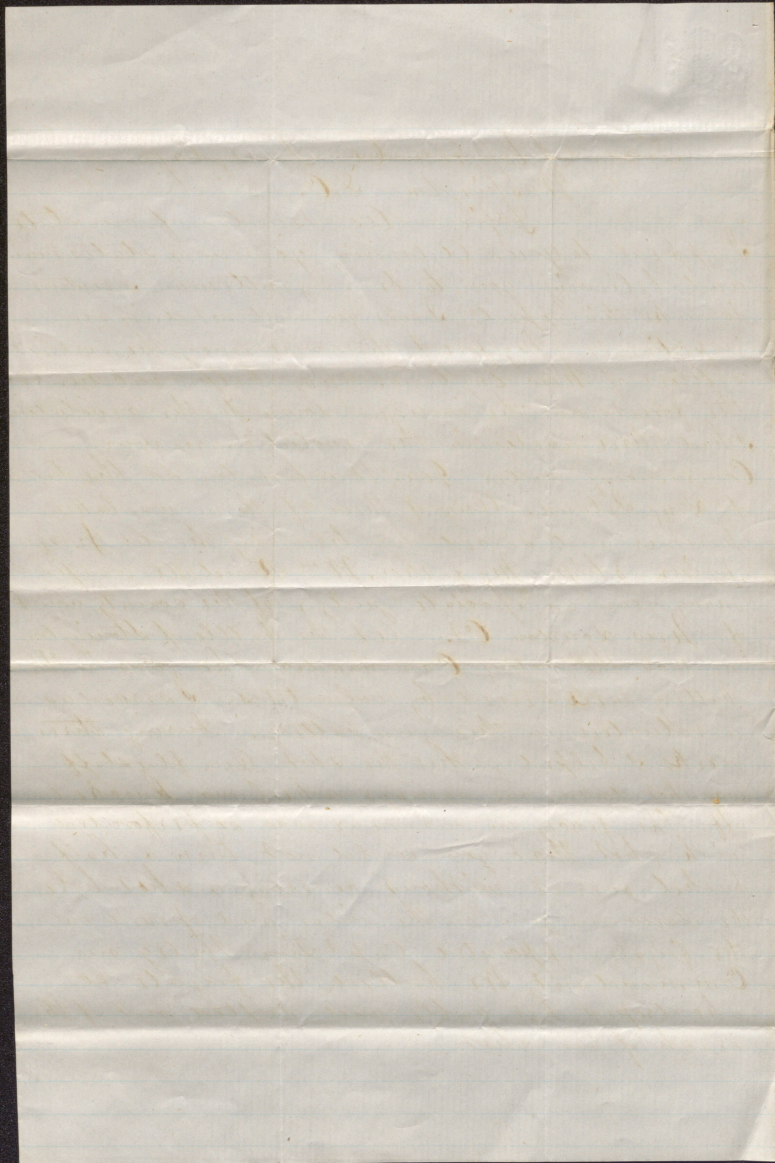
April 1858

Went Speeches

Worthington

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
Washington D.C.

Sir — As Senator of our state
I appeal to you. Admiring you as a statesman
and believing you to be a gentleman I venture
to make this appeal. I hope you will not deem me
impertinent. My fore-fathers were among the earliest
settlers of New England. They helped subdue
the forests and the Indians down to the revolution.
I had three uncles in the revolutionary war.
Commencing under Gen. Washington at the battle
of Long Island. One of them was taken
prisoner and served his term in the old Jersey
prison-ship. My father, Wm Randall was for
many years an associate judge of the county court
of New London Ct. At the battle of Stonington
he was the acting Commander. The guns in the
battery were served by volunteers. I served as
a volunteer in this gun battery. During three
weeks I helped gather the shot. Our flagstaff
was shot down, one carriage wheel was knocked
off. The fence in our rear was so perforated
with shot that you could not turn a half-
bushel over it without covering a shot-hole.
We drew our gun on the ridge and opened on
the frigate, appointed Capt Sim. Haley our
Commandant. We hulled the frigate so
she dropped her cable and drifted out of the
reach of our shot.



It is now twenty four years since I left my native State. I came here with seven sons and a daughter. have led a pioneer's life. I have been unfortunate; have been burnt out. have lost all my property. I ask now of government, to give us a parcell of land that we can call our own. We are union-men. We want a parcell of land that we can call our own say 10,000 acres or less according to the gift of government. We have no land. We are landless. Perhaps I might raise you 10,000 names, but what good would it do you I appeal to you simply as I am.

I subscribe myself
 Frederick Randall
 Aurora Kane Co. Ill.

P.S. If necessary I can raise any amount of names of the best citizens in the town.

Jedediah Kaudall

Twroza,

Ham Co. Ill.

april. 1858,

Old Soldier,

of Revolutionary

Stock - Illinois

pioneer - with

Seven Sons -

- wants Land

from Govt

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C. J. Rowell,
Hannover N.H.
April 1858

Wants Reporter

Leav. College

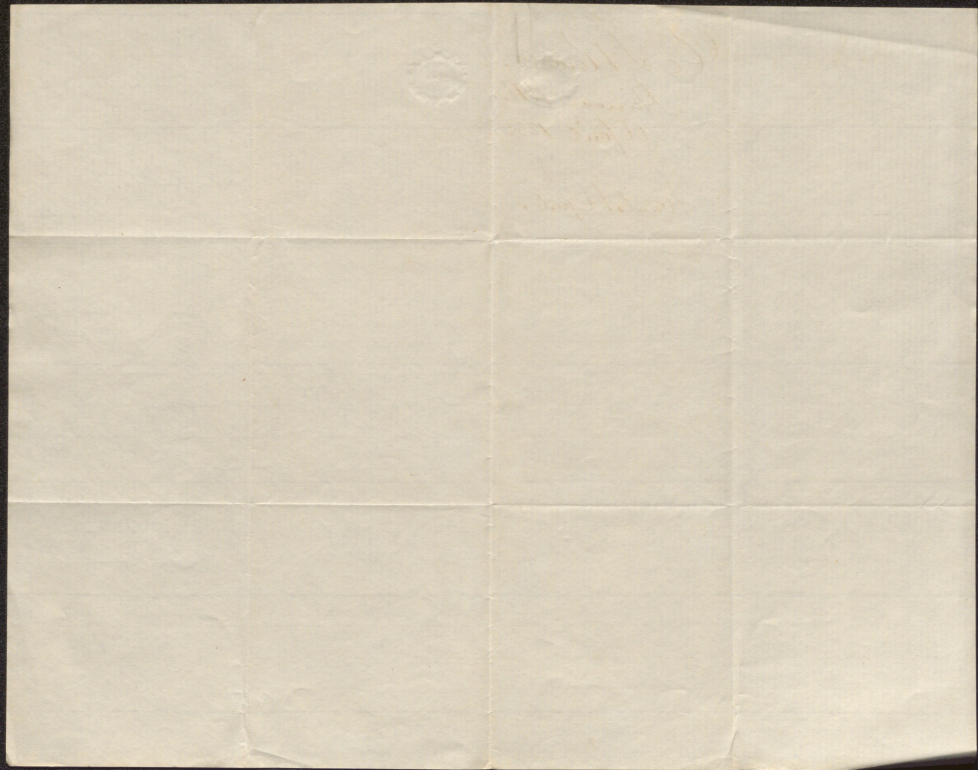
Hannover N.H. 4th Mo.

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir-

Will you please
send me a copy of the
"Minority Report on the
Kansas Constitution" - if
you have one at your
millinery disposal?
I am sir

Your obt. servant
C. J. Rowell



Carpentersville Putnam
County Indiana
Hon^{ble} Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I wish
you to send to my
Address some of
your Speeches & Docu-
ments on the Secession
Question for the purpose
of Distributing & as
many other Speeches
as you think will
be of Interest. Our
Post office has been
Crawled with Greens
Report and the like
which has been sent
out by J D Bright
Hon^{ble} J G Davis of the Lower
house has done well
yours in the ~~cause~~ of
Democracy

Thos^d M. Stringer
Carpentersville
Indiana

Thos. M. Stringer
Carpentersville
Inda,
April 1858

Wants speeches
for distribution

20 Bards



Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr Sir

I would be pleased to have packages of your several speeches bearing your frank, for distribution in our State. Your position upon the Kansas Swindler is appreciated in Maryland, & you will find when the time comes, that Marylanders will fully endorse her representatives. Davis, Harris & Ricard, & if you were a good Native (as well as a good friend of Popular Sovereignty and states Rights) she would endorse you. Can't you stand upon the Platform of "America for Americans"

Very Respectfully Yours

E. J. Thomas

Edward Thomas

April 1858,

Wants Speeches,

My dear Mr. Thomas

I have just received your letter

of the 10th inst.

and am glad to hear of your success

in your journey.

I have no objection to your using

the facts of my life in your book.

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the facts of my life in your book.

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Wm. L. Chapin

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty of addressing these few lines to request of you, to send ^{us} ~~the~~ two copies of your Springfield speech; and a copy of your speech on the President's Message delivered Dec. 9th 1857. We will be glad if you will send us two complete constitutions of the U.S. & if you will be so kind, as to state the price of them, we will send it to you by mail.

We have read your able speeches, and consider them noble & valuable, and hoping, that we may yet become public men, desire to have copies of them to keep for our special use, & benefit.

We will be happy to

receive any speeches, or any public
articles you wish to send. Would
feel complimented if you will
place our names on your list.

We hope you success
through life, & hope that you will
yet be crowned with the highest hon-
ors of our noble Country, America.

Direct the things you send
to either of us;

And believe, Dear Sir,
We remain your most

Obedient Servants;

J. Augustus Holmes.

Winfield Scott Phillips.

To Hon L. A. Douglas }
Washington City }

J. H. Guerin Thomas
L
Winfield Scott Phelps
Athens, Ga
April, 1858,

Wants Speeches &c,

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Sir, you would oblige me if
you would send me a copy of the Speeches made by
you on the "LeCompton Constitution", in the Senate provided
it can be done without inconvenience & cost to yourself.

Address

H. A. Thompson
Half Moon, P.O.
Centre Co
Penn^a
W. D. U.

H. a Thompson
Half Moon
Centre Co
April 58 Pa.

Speech

Chas. F. Velie
Rock Island
Ill.
April 1858

Wm. F. Pace, R.R. Survey,
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9729
Rock Island Ill
Hon. S. A. Douglas Dr Sir
Please have the kindness to
send me a copy of the
Explorations & Surveys for a
Rail Road Route from the
Mississippi River to Pacific Ocean
if so doing You will confer
a great favor
Very Resp Yrs Obed
Chas F Velie



[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text is visible on the left side of the paper, appearing to be bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is written in cursive and spans several lines.]

Edward Bunker
North Woodstock
Conn.
April 1858

Autograph.

North Woodstock (Alb.)
Wm. Stephens Dear Sir
Will you be
so kind as to find me your
Autograph by so doing you
will be doing a great favor
upon your sincere friend
Edward B. Bunker
North Woodstock
Conn.

Edward Channing Tinton
North Woodstock
Alb.



[April 1858.]

Sir John Lygon & Co.,

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

My Dear Sir -

After my best
regards agree, I wish to say that you
will very much oblige me, by directing
public documents to me at this place
instead of Constantinople - so that I may be
able to get them - because those sent
there at Constantinople are not forwarded
to me here -

Could you send me a good
lot of Reports, Maps &c., also a
pamphlet copy of all your public
acts touching the Petroska Question -
some copies of the Congressional Globe -
and all your speeches not yet in
a bound copy of the Globe - If you
agree, you may find, when you come
home, some of your friends not so.
I will post a reference for the ensuing
bottle which contains as you might
anticipate - or expect -

I have heretofore sent me
a few speeches, but I have been but
poorly provided for during this session

of Congress

I have a fine practice on bond
here I am making money, and would
to consult my own pleasure, interest
& advantages. I should not think of
engaging in the contest which will
create so much excitement and
interest in our state this year
but I hope I have patriotism still
left me. Sufficient to impel me
once more to enter in to a campaign in
which so much is likely to be involved
and with fine health & strength & a
good will for the work I expect to be able
to effect some good results. We
have little or no division among us
and in this Representative District which
for four years past has been represented by
Republicans we have resolved to send
a man to the Legis. Chm. all right on the
issues - We love, and work it - we
will do it.

The home & nation the same
in our paper here - "plugged out," the
"Buckhorn" got something in -

But I set out to write for Books, Patent
Office Reports, public documents or
as many interesting kinds as you can
send me - And you had better

send me a good lot or not. I shall
yourself here for at least 3 months.

Attend other matters however and
let me know about what time
you expect to be down this way after
Congress shall have adjourned -

Please tender my best regards
to Annie, & show I believe me as ever
your friend &c

Wm. H. P. J. att.



W. H. Wyatt,
Lincoln, N. H.