



New York Apr 12/58

Hon S. A. Douglass
Senator in Congress

My dear Sir

As you are
no doubt well advised
of all that is passing
in Illinois, politically
& otherwise, while I
through other & many
demands upon me
for a few years past
have given ^{too} little at
consideration and

scarcely any attention
to the political question
of the day - it is I know
presumptions in me
to present suggestions
to you upon these subjects
& I do not claim that what
I may say is entitled to
any weight -

During & since my brief
but pleasant visit to Wash-
ington, I ~~found~~ ^{am advised} ~~on inquiring~~
that the Republicans of
Chicago are many of
them disposed to favor
your Return to the Senate
all things continuing
as since the Secession
rupture - Your course in
connexion with which they
so highly approve -

I have strongly sympathized
in this feeling. & I had when
I supposed a Candidate for
your place has I am told
so expressed himself and
Arnold Skinner & others
~~to the effect that~~ I am
told have a like feeling
if so in Chicago, probably
more so elsewhere in the
State - I have looked upon
it that the great issue
in which you are so rightly
engaged, must overrule
all the past, if properly dis-
cussed, bring all its advo-
cates everywhere, into har-
monious and successful
action without sacrifice
of any - Some of my Republican

in Illinois
friends, Ambition, & pretty
strong in position & action
would prefer that this should
not be so, & claim that it is
not a wise or right movement
and they express confidence
in the opinion that no such
harmony of opinions & parties
can take place, & the promi-
nent ground now expressed
for that belief, is, that the
State Conventions soon to meet
in Illinois, will be made up
almost, or quite exclusively
of Anti-Secompton Dem^s & Ly-
fines. & will on meeting
make full nomination
in disregard of Republicans,
will reiterate the Kansas
Nebraska Bill, ^{by name} & endorse
the Cui^{ti}-platform &c &c
& thus make it necessary
for Republicans to make

 full issue with them. The public are
no doubt becoming generally
disposed to accede to the
doctrine that every state
shall determine for itself
as to its institutions, but
the Repeal of the Miss.
Compromise & the consequent
exposure of Kansas to slavery
is what is so obnoxious at the
North — Now if the Democratic
State Conventions on a platform
could, ^{with propriety} discreetly present the
popular principles of every
state determining for itself
as to its institutions without
mentioning the Kansas
Nebraska bill by name
or alluding to the Cin^{ti}
platform to which Buchanan²³
administration has done no credit

I have so disregarded if not
degraded - it would go far
towards some reconciliation
of existing differences -

And if the Convention
on meeting could devise
some way by adjourn-
ment, invitation or other
wise to have a conference
with the Republicans I am
understanding as to
a division of office. to
result in your return by
general consent - all
might be well -

I do not pretend
however to understand the
public feeling of Illinois
or of any party in it and
do not as I have already
stated claim consideration
for my suggestions, but if

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of any service in aid of the
end desired I shall be glad.

Would it not be well
also for the Chicago Times to con-
fine itself strictly to the advocacy
of its principles without taking
much if any notice of any
of what the Press
& Tribune or other papers
may say ^{of it} for the present.

The State Register also,
Some of your warm
friends in Chicago too, I hear
occasionally, unnecessarily
express themselves too strongly
in reference to the Anti-Slavery
Republicans, & in a way to pro-
voke them in - Mr. Murrie
perhaps among them, but
for all this I am aware that
you ^{are} in no way responsible.
~~And do not~~ With my very
kind regards to Mrs. Douglass

lap, for whom my recent
brief acquaintance has left
so many favorable im-
pressions - I remain Dear Sir

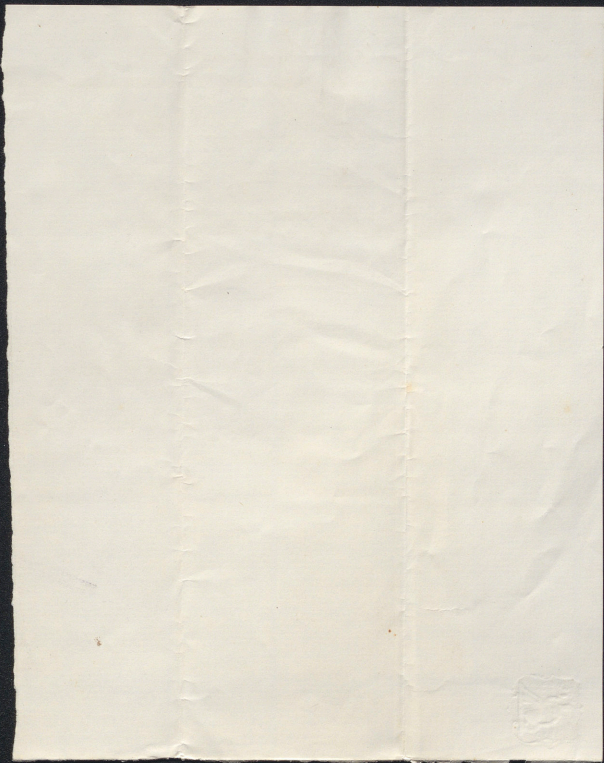
Very truly Yours
W. B. Ogden

P.S. I do not write this
with a view to ^{an} answer
nor expectations. Still
if for any cause you
should desire my
address while here it
is - Care Chas Butler
12 Wall Street N.Y.

W B Ogden
New York,
April 12/58,

Political

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Misslin April 12th 1858
 To Stephen A. Douglas Esq
 S.C.

Having acted with the Democratic party since my arrival in this country, I could not as a matter of course but have my favorites like all other men, [I have watched all your actions since 1850, and have felt though a poor man, that if you would only continue to be sincere and consistent, in your course that is of advocating and ~~man~~ maintaining the true principals of popular sovereignty, as for as regards our embryo States, and especially Kansas, without being controlled by any power, even the Chief Magistrate of this nation, I am glad to see you rise above the storm, and still hope the principals you advocate may come of more than triumph. As a memento of my respects to you as a man I have a work one hundred years old, which has for its title, The Present State of Europe that is in 1757 or the balance of power of the world, if it will be a rarity or do any good I will send it ^{to you} for to let you know that there is one among many in the village of Misslin that as for his motto, honesty of purpose, and consistency of political character, if you will accept such an ancient from my hands send by return of mail and I will forward it to your your address, excuse my trespassing on your time

Yours truly

William Patefield
 Misslin Iowa
 1858

Wm. Davenport
Mifflin.

Iowa Co. Wis.

April 12, 1858.

I
am
pleased
to
receive
an
old
book,
printed
in
1754,
entitled,
"The
Present
State
of
Europe."

Yours
Wm. Davenport

17.25-
18.00
10.00
1.75-
24.55-
18.50
1.50
1.50
15.80

97.35
85.35
64.00

David L Perkins
Manchester
N.H.
April 12 1858,

Wants Speech

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To Mr.
Manchester N.H.
April 12th 58

Dear Sir

I am anxious to
procure a copy of your
late speech delivered in
the U.S. Senate upon the
Secompton Constitution. Also if
published in pamphlet
form. You reply to the speech
of Mr. Wigles. My forwarding
them to my address as requested
You will confer a special
favor upon

An Humble & Devoted
friend
David L Perkins

Hon
L A Douglas
Washington
DC

New Price
Chicago, Ills
April 12/58,

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Chicago Ills
April 12th 1858

Wm S. Douglas

Dear

Knowing that
you would like to hear
from me, I am progressing
in Chicago. I take the
liberty to inform you.

Our county convention
will be held on Saturday
the 17th inst, our call is
for a mass convention
there will not be any
trouble in securing a delegation
to the State conv. that we
good and true Douglas
men. The Complainers
since the defeat of that
bill and my flight

Coast Line & Corporation
will send a Delegation
also, but they will not
be admitted. for the reason
we heard the joint action
of both committees in
our case. in case they also
send a Delegation it will
only show a disposition on
their part to disregard
the party. My earnest
trust he will come thus
far and so with Sir Sydney
Alcockton Delegation;
My opinion is, that there
will not be a Seecompton
man in the convention

Yours Resply
William Price

Sandusky Ohio
 April 12th / 58.
 Hon Stephen A Douglas
 Dear Sir

Having no friend
 in Congress, which favors us with Public Documents
 & Democratic speech (or anything else)

Will you please allow me in behalf of
 a few of your friends to present their names,
 assuming you that anything received from
 your hand, will be most thankfully received
 & deemed a favor.

N J Buyer. Wildman Mills. Fred Wood.
 Jas Alder. Wm H Sudder. George Gregg. A Chase.
 Clark Rude. Henry Shumard. W S Cooke. B E Farris.

(Looking forward to the day when we shall have
 the pleasure to reciprocate, in our way)

I am Truly Yours

P.S.

A. W. Court Jr.

Also one to add; the names of
 Mrs Parish. A W Court. S W Hancock.

Wm Ramsdell. of Bloomingville.
 Erie Co. N. Y. July 5. 1858

Alb. Prouty
Sandusky
Ohio.
April 12/58.

Wants Speeches.
for Names
within



W. E. Richards,
 ap. p. Mr.
 Utica, N.Y.
 April 14/58.

Wants Speeches, &c.

P.O. Utica N.Y.
 Apr 12

Now
 S. A. Douglass
 Dr. frs

I would be happy to
 receive a copy of your last
 Speech on the admission of
 Kansas and such other
 documents as you may see
 send to

Yours & humble servant
 W. E. Richards
 Apr 12

Mr. J. H. ...
...

...

...

Jas H Sampson
Galena. Ill.
April 12/58

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wants to have
a company of Col.
accepted for Utah

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Galena 12th April 1858
Dr Judge

I beg leave to enclose
to you, a notice relative to
Meetings held.

I am sorry to inform you
that the principal persons
in getting up the so called Buckhorn
Party. Some of whom I
consider should be the last
to have to do in the aban party
because I know the office
held was obtained through
your influence - but some
men will turn every day for
an office - and it is no more
than I expected - I have had
an idea that they were not
true men - the reason why
I have not appeared & voted
more in their public meetings

If you have any influence
with the President I should
like to be accepted with a
full Volunteer Company for
any service, or you may
obtain it through his son James
Shields, who I expect is your
friend.

I have no other desire but
an appointment in the Army,
and I suppose I must wait
until you are the Chief of
this great Nation. I would
like to say much more but
I am unwell today.

Yours humble servant
Wm. H. Sampson

Wm. L. Douglas
Rd. 1
Washington
D.C.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The Buchanan Party.

Saturday morning handbills were bountifully distributed through the city, of the following import:

Grand Rally!

Of the National Administration Democrats in favor of supporting James Buchanan, against the opposition of Black Republicans, *Democrats* and Know Nothings, at the Court House, to-night, at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Messrs. McGinnis, Howard, Marvin, Robertson, Shissler and Jackson.

The precipitate and proscriptive action of the meeting of last Saturday night, will be exposed, and 18 Delegates selected to attend the County Convention at Scales Mound.

By order of the Committee..

The meeting referred to above was held at the Council Chamber, Saturday, the 4th instant. Henry Marfield was Chairman, and H. G. Crouch, Secretary. The following gentlemen were appointed by the meeting Delegates to the County Convention at Scales Mound, next Wednesday. There is doubtless a large sprinkling of Anti-Lecompton men among them, and this accounts for the second call, in language as above.

John Adams, W. W. Chase, H. G. Crouch, John A. Rawlins, H. W. Foltz, B. B. Howard, H. V. W. Brown, Henry Marfield, A. Gladden, Dennis Galvin, George M. Mitchell, Jacob Eberhardt, Lorenz Schwab, James Thompson, J. A. Maltby, Thos. O'Leary, Chas. R. Perkins, R. W. Carson.

The following are the names of the delegates appointed at the meeting at the Court House last Saturday evening, to represent the interests of Mr. Buchanan at the convention to be held at Scales Mound next Wednesday:

Michael Gorman, Nicholas Dowling, Thomas S. Parks, H. B. McGinnis, B. B. Howard, Marvin, Wm. Dixon, R. H. Jackson, T. H. Robertson, John Condon, Francis Burke, James Woodward, H. H. Savage, Henry Eastman, Matthew Fancette, Thomas F. Donally, James Mooney, Daniel Wann.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust to me executed by Lawrence Connolly, bearing date the first day of September, 1856, to secure the payment of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, which said deed is recorded in the Recorder's office of the said County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois in book K of mortgages, pages 337 and 338, default having been made in the payment of said sum of money, I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for ready money, on Tuesday, the 20th day of April 1858, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court House in Galena, in said County, all the right, title and interest of the said Lawrence Connolly in and to the property therein mentioned and described, to wit: A lot of land being a part of the South East quarter of section number thirty-five (35,) township number twenty-nine (29) north, range one (1) west of the fourth (4th) principal meridian, and containing thirty-three 99-100 acres more or less, and known and described as lots number eleven (11) in N. Stillman's subdivision of the south east quarter of section thirty-five (35) and the south west quarter of section thirty-six (36,) all in township twenty-nine (29) north, range one west of the fourth principal meridian, according to a plat of the same on record in the Recorder's office in Jo Daviess County, Book One of Deeds, page five.

WM. A. JORDAN, Trustee.
Galena, March 16, 1858. mch17tap20d

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } JO DAVIESS COUNTY. }

In Circuit Court to the May term A. D. 1858.

SARAH HASTINGS, }
vs. } Divorce.
JOHN HASTINGS. }

The defendant, John Hastings, hereby notified that a bill for divorce has been filed against him by said Sarah Hastings, in said Court, and summons issued against said defendant, returnable to the May term 1858, and that affidavit of non-residence of said defendant has been filed as required by law; now, therefore, unless you, the said John Hastings, shall appear at the next May term of said court, at the Court House in the City of Galena, on the third Monday in May, next, when said summons is returnable, and plead, answer or demur to said bill the same will be in all things taken for confessed and a ex parte for hearing.

WM. R. ROWLEY, Clerk.
Galena, March 11, 1858. mch11tapr11d
Boswick & Cummings, Sol. for Compl.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested that we will apply to the County Court and for the County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois be holden at the Court House in Galena on the first Monday of May next, to be released and discharged from bonds of William Whitson and Allen Whitson, as Administrators of Zachariah Whitson, deceased, when and where all persons can appear and show cause to the contrary any they have.

HOLSTED S. TOWNSEND,
ABRAHAM S. BRIAN,

Securities on said Bond of W. Whitson and
Whitson, Adm'rs of Z. Whitson, d
March 10 1858 mch12tapr12d

B O Stanley

Madison, Wis.

April 12/58

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Madison Wis. Apr 12/58

To the Honorable

S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

Upon will Excuse
me for Troubling you with
a matter that is of Great
importance in the west. that
is a Bankrupt Law at the
present time when Every thing
is prostrate the Honest Hard
working men need something
to get them out of the dilemma
they are in. the whole west
Sir. is bankrupt at this time
in Illinois there Has been since
January first 200 Failures
for over 5,000,000 of dollars I
Have no doubt most of them
Honest now these men
want something to rid them

of their Encumbrances these men
are buisness men men who
Have made the west what
it is now if these men
Had something that would
wipe out all the old they
could start again without
a dollar and prosperity would
follow Emigration would
follow. Every thing would Have
new life. Now Sir in
regard to Locomotion the stand
you Have taken in that matter
I need not tell you Has won
for you in the Hearts of the
people a position most worthy
I. Have nailed my flag to
the mast with your name
at its Head and never shall
it come ^{down} till I see you the
Chief Magistrate of this
Great Nation

and there are the felings
of the Great West. you may
Have forgotten me but I
will introduce myself
I was Proprietor of the
Island City Hotel at
Rock Island Ill. at which
House you stoped two years
ago. if you can spare time
I would like to Hear from
you.

your Most Obedt. Servt

B. C. Stanley

Justice Steinberger
Portland
Oregon.

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Portland Oregon
12th April 1858

My Dear Sir -

Will you be good enough
to have your Clerk put the
down on you took an away
them to where you send
Sub. Doc's. I have again
returned here to remain
and will be glad, if it
will be at all interesting
to you, or prove you in any
way, to put you up upon
an affair here -

In July we have a
session of our State
Legislature, are expecting
our Admission into the
Union - We are strongly

Democratic, or rather
have been. On my re-
turn I found a good
deal of his affection in
some quarters. What it
himself is in hand
is present to foretell.
Yet it is pretty generally
conceded that we will
lose the Democratic
Senators.

Please remember me
to Mrs. Mayhew.

Very truly yours
Justin K. H. H. H.
To Mr. S. H. Mayhew
Washington
D.C.

Thurs. Sept. 17

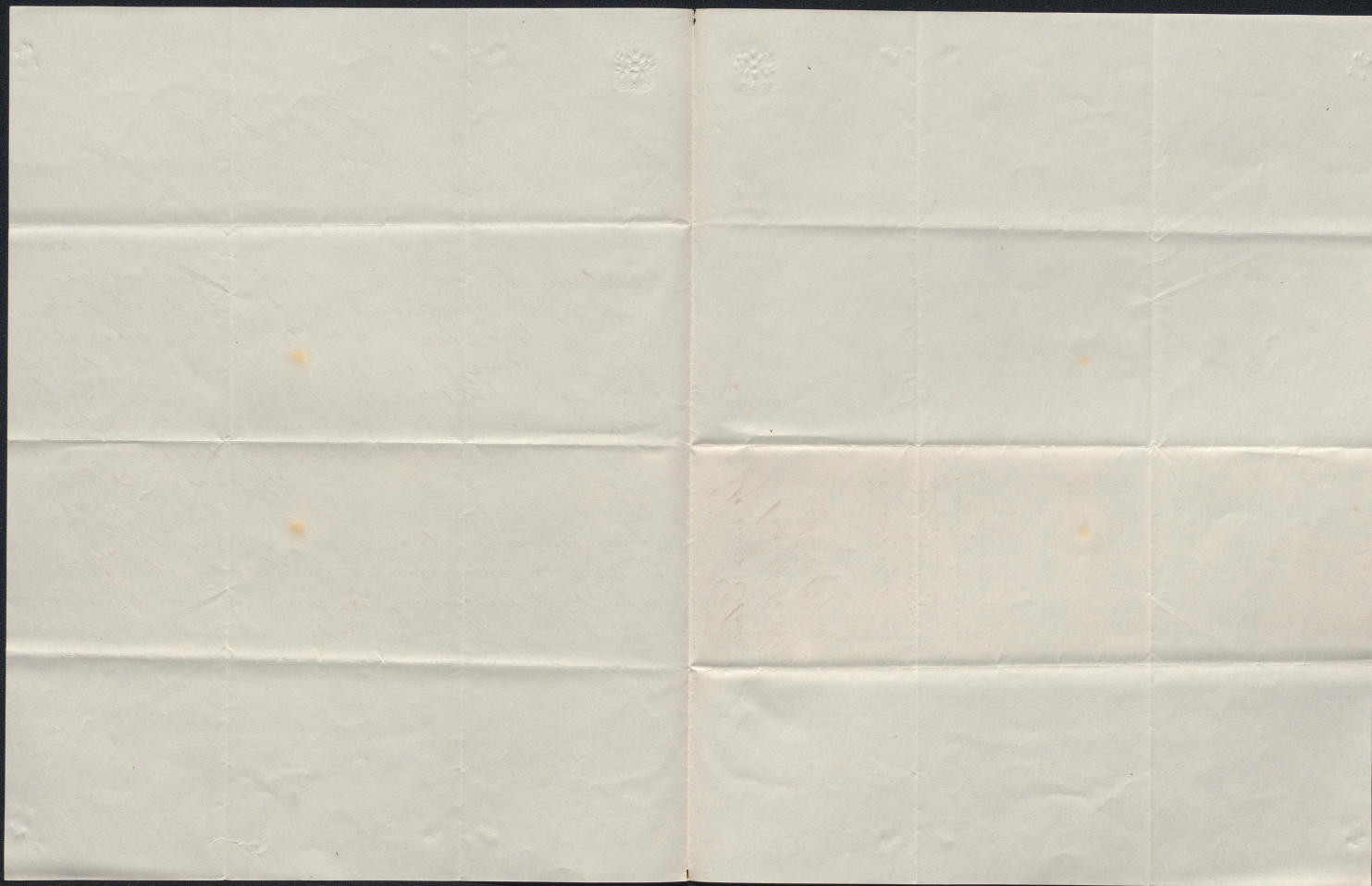
Buffalo April 12/58
 Hon. F. Douglass
 Washington Dc

Sir I have waited
 patiently for your last sheet to come
 out in form of our paper but it has
 failed to appear, would it be possible
 for me to get it from you. no doubt
 you are troubled in the same way by
 thousands but I am a Douglass
 man Yours Truly Respectfully
 Spencer Stone

I could also like a Douglass paper
 if there is one printed in Washington for
 which I will buy a year subscription in
 receipt of the first copy // S.S.

Spencer Stone
Buffalo, N.Y.
April 12/58.

Wants Speech.
La Douglass
Paper - will
pay a year's subs;
in advance.



Geo W Stout,
Wooster, Ohio.
April 12/58.

Thanks for Speeches
& documents,

Hooster. O. April 12 ap 58

Hon Stephen A. Douglas,
Sir

You will
please accept thanks for
the Speeches and documents

Respectfully Yours
Geo. W. Stout



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Henderson, Ky. April 12th - 58,

Sir!

We would be under great obligation to you, for copies for each of us, of your report on the Secumpton question, & all of your speeches before the Senate on that subject. We regard them as indispensable to an enlightened determination of that question.

Respectfully Yours,

Hon. A. A. Douglass,

A. B. Vance,

Harvey Yeaman

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Harvey Yeaman
Henderson, Ky.
April 12/58,
(Wants Speeches)

W. Vincent
Centerville, Mich.
April 12/58.

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Centerville, Apr 12/58 ⁴⁹⁷³
Hon. S. D. Douglas,

Dear Sir
I blow your friend to drop
you this little word of regard
and commendation, to you for
the course you have taken
and maintained in the
Senate on the great question
of "Popular Sovereignty" I
have seen some extracts of your
recent speech upon the passage
of the "Comptons Bill" through
the Senate, and would be very
happy to have the happiness of
perusing it in extenso.

You will confer a great
favor on your friend in this
part of Michigan by sending us
some copies of your speeches
for circulation.

We are beginning to make

due arrangements for the faithful
and successful prosecution of the
coming fall General Campaign
having turned your miseries off, it
is every town to look after the
interests of the Party. It is
really to say that all the
democracy of this Section are with
you upon the Secumpton issue
and will stand by you until you
shall have achieved the greatest
victory ever gained by a single
man. Even the Port masters
about here are Anti-Secumpton
and are bold in asserting the
true doctrine of the Kansas Bill
without the fear of being ousted
out of office, for there are no
friends of the President's policy to
take their places. We are truly
happy that our Senator is
firm on the side of right,
behaving it is the only principle

by which we can ever gain the
disunion in our state. We
are glad that you are so ever
supported by the whole delegation
from Illinois in Congress and
every Queen Louisa votes to
sustain your position. Keep
courage and the people will
soon return a verdict in
your favor and that very
overwhelmingly and emphatically
the present autumn, which
will be an usher into the
grand campaign of 1860, when
the people will with one accord
carry you in to the Presidency.
I close by saying that I am ready
and willing to take the field in
your behalf whenever the proper
time shall have arrived.

Yours &c
H. G. Gibson, Wincent

I herewith enclose you
the proceedings of our
late convention

I remain yours truly
J J Waggoner

J J Waggoner
Canton, Me.
April 12/58

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Canton Me April 12

Hon S A Bowditch
Dear Sir

I am under many obligations
to you for many favors
I am happy to inform you
that old Mr Fulton sustains
you in your opposition
to the Lacompton Swindle
we have not over 20
Lacompton men in this
county and L W Ross &
L Z Ross and Robert
Paull are among the number
this we regret but can not
help it our county convention
was harmonious and elected
14 of your best friends
Delegates to the State

Convention we will Elect
Two of your Friends to
the Legislature from this
County without Doubt //

I think we will nominate
Joseph Byrnes & Henry
Walker

I will be nominated for
Sheriff without opposition
and I will spend all my
time in canvassing the County
for the Dickett & large portion
of the Republican Party will
support me for Sheriff as
they have on former
occasions but I feel more
Interest in having Two
of your friends Elected to
the Legislature

I think you had better
send documents to N. G.
Greenleaf instead of J. W.
Russell to Farming for
Distribution Mr Russell
is an old man as does
not title the Interest
he should any documents
you have to distribute in
this section I will get
them in the right hands
if intrusted to my care
Send me some of your
late Speeches

Also send S. P. Marshall
some document to Shaver
for himself he was formerly
a whig but is now doing us
good service and is a warm
friend of yours



Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Of I am not
intruding myself too much on your time and
attention will you favor me with your speech
on the Lecompton Constitution, as a guide
a land mark for pure Democracy, for all will find
the masses of the Democracy are with you and will
uphold popular sovereignty to the letter

Apr 12 1858

Your Humble Servt
Marcellus A. Woodward
Bedway
Mass



Wm. C. Woodward

Medway

Mass.

April 12/58,

Wants Speeches