

Macomb M<sup>d</sup> Donagh Co Sec  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858

How S A Donagh  
 Washington  
 DC

Dr Sir

Will you please  
 send me <sup>a copy</sup> the Exploration & Survey for a RR  
 Route from the Miss River to the Pacific Ocean as  
 I have all the Pub Doct for the last 4 years  
 except this as you may not know now I will  
 say I have been PNO at this place under  
 Pierce's Administration but resigned the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1857  
 there is but two Licentiate men in this place  
 and but few in the County, our State Convention  
 comes off next Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> inst every  
 County in the State as far as heard from  
 (except Florida Co) have passed Resolutions  
 endorsing your course as the Licentiate matter  
 we will give them h — this fall for Representation  
 Your early attention to the above will oblige  
 Yours Truly  
 J. N. Atkinson

J. M. Atkinson  
Macomb, Ill.  
April 19, 1858

Wants Pac. R.R. Rep.

J. M. Atkinson  
Macomb

Waukegan April 17<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Sir

You may be surprised to find me seeking to open a correspondence, since so long an ~~absence~~ of any interchange of feeling between us but you need not be surprised when I tell you that at the time of your attending my school in the old Arnold School house I had a presentiment that some of my scholars would some day be President of the U.S. But things have turned up of late which makes me anxious to open a correspondence. You have warm friends and bitter enemies in Waukegan as in all parts of the country I claim to be one of the friends but until lately I have felt as tho you was not what you have of late proved you are self to be the friend to the whole country I wish you would send me your last speech as I have seen only extracts from it if this is worth answering please drop a line soon and Oblige Yours Truly  
 Tryphena Sends her respects &c  
 To Hon Stephen A. Douglass

C. W. Avery



Ellsbery  
(Judge & old  
Schoolmaster)

Waukegan  
Ill.

April 19, 1858.

Wants Speech &c.



Morris, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1858.

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

I rejoice at the defeat of Leecompton. The Administration has but very few friends in this part of the country. I re'd and with pleasure perused your great speech on the Kansas Question.

I have heard a great deal about the Southern Pacific Rail Road Route Reports and as I have not seen the Reports I would like to have you send it to me; or if you are not the proper person to apply to, please inform me who is the proper person. Address A. G. Beebe —  
Morris, Grundy Co. Ill.

Your friend & servt.  
A. G. Beebe

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A G Beebe  
Morris. Ill.  
April 19, 1858.  
Political  
Wants, P. R. R. Co.  
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J. C. Cooley  
Chicago  
N.Y.  
April 19, 1858,

Political  
gives names  
for Speeches.

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Confidential

Pungo April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858  
Sir Sir

I have just finished reading  
your late speech "against the admission  
of Kansas under the Dredgton Constitu-  
tion" It is a speech that will meet the approval  
of all right thinking Democrats & particularly  
the rank & file of the Old Boon Men  
of this State. Some of old Hunkers <sup>many</sup> ~~many~~  
soft-shells. We shall send from this County  
to the State Convention this fall two if not  
three delegates that will be straight &  
reliable on this question, we shall  
also endorse you if we find we can do  
so emphatically. I send you a few names  
of those who I think it would be well to send  
this speech to the most of whom will  
most likely be delegates to our County  
Convention this fall. Should you  
send to those persons I will send you  
a further list, one half to two thirds I



return to say will also be  
delegates to

city of Bangs. B Lynch, S Ratigan,  
N Miller, W B. Leveich, Isaac Shephard  
Richard Byrne, Cornelius Duman  
W J Curtis, S R Schuman, H. H. Thurber  
John McCarty, W Tiffany, Mr Mason  
Peter McCarty, Chas T Richardson, { Mrs. Corkin  
Mr Mayles. Doct R B Benedict, then last then direct  
scriba comes.) Le Roy Brewster, Hiram Smith,  
Capt. Pilling, Nott Van Home, Sol. Basson  
Ed. M G White, John H M'Long, Sec. Cornish,  
P Rathbun  
then latter one for the Town of Bangs but get the  
mail here, If I find that there is no fit person  
speech I will then send on a list suitable  
for the whole County. If it would be accept-  
able I would send a list for the Counties I  
mentioned in a former letter.

Yours truly  
H. C. Cowley  
Hon S A Douglas

R. F. Lillie  
 Dixon, Ill.  
 April 19, 1858.

Wants Garden Seed

Sent

Dixon Ill.  
 Apr 19. 1858

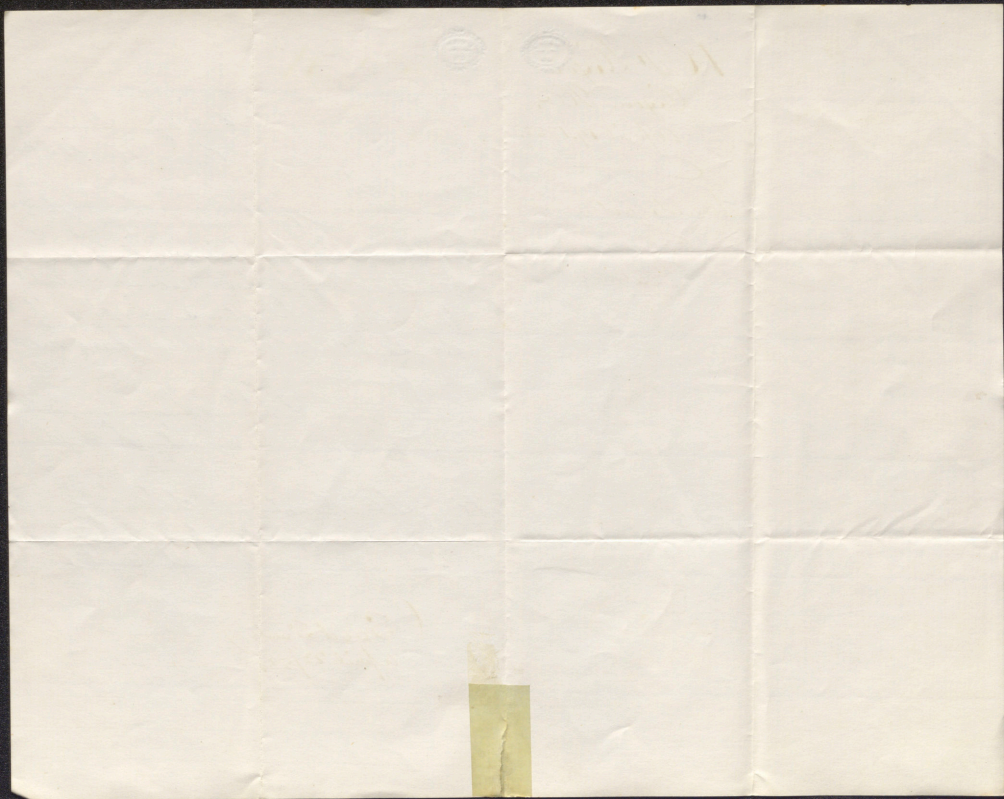
Dear Sir:

Will you have the  
 kindness to send me a few  
 varieties of garden seed. I shall  
 be under obligations if you will  
 do so, and it will be doing me  
 a favor -

Truly Yours  
 R. F. Dixon

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

(Seed Sent)  
 April 23/58.





New Durham N.H. April 19-1858  
Hon S. A. Douglas  
Sir

If it would not  
be to much trouble, I should be pleased  
to recieve from you a Public Docu-  
ment occasionally, or a few Seeds  
from the Patent Office suitable to  
grow in this section of New Hampshire.  
any thing of the like will be thankfully  
recd -

Your Friend  
J. H. Downing

J. H. Newham

J. H. Downing  
New Durham  
N.H.  
April 19, 1858,

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Wants - Speeches,  
Seed &c.

Waukegan April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858  
 Hon. S. A. Douglass  
 U. S. Senator Washington  
 Sir

I am very desirous of obtaining the printed  
 Copy of the Report of Lt. Col. J. D. Graham on  
 the Commerce & Improvements of Lake Harbors  
 Part 1<sup>st</sup> 1854 = 5  
 Part 2<sup>d</sup> 1855 = 6

Senate Doc No 16

34<sup>th</sup> Congress 3<sup>d</sup> Session.

If there are any of the above Copies for  
 distribution, I would be very much obliged  
 if You will have the kindness to forward one  
 to my address.

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your O<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Ruben Emerson

Waukegan Ills

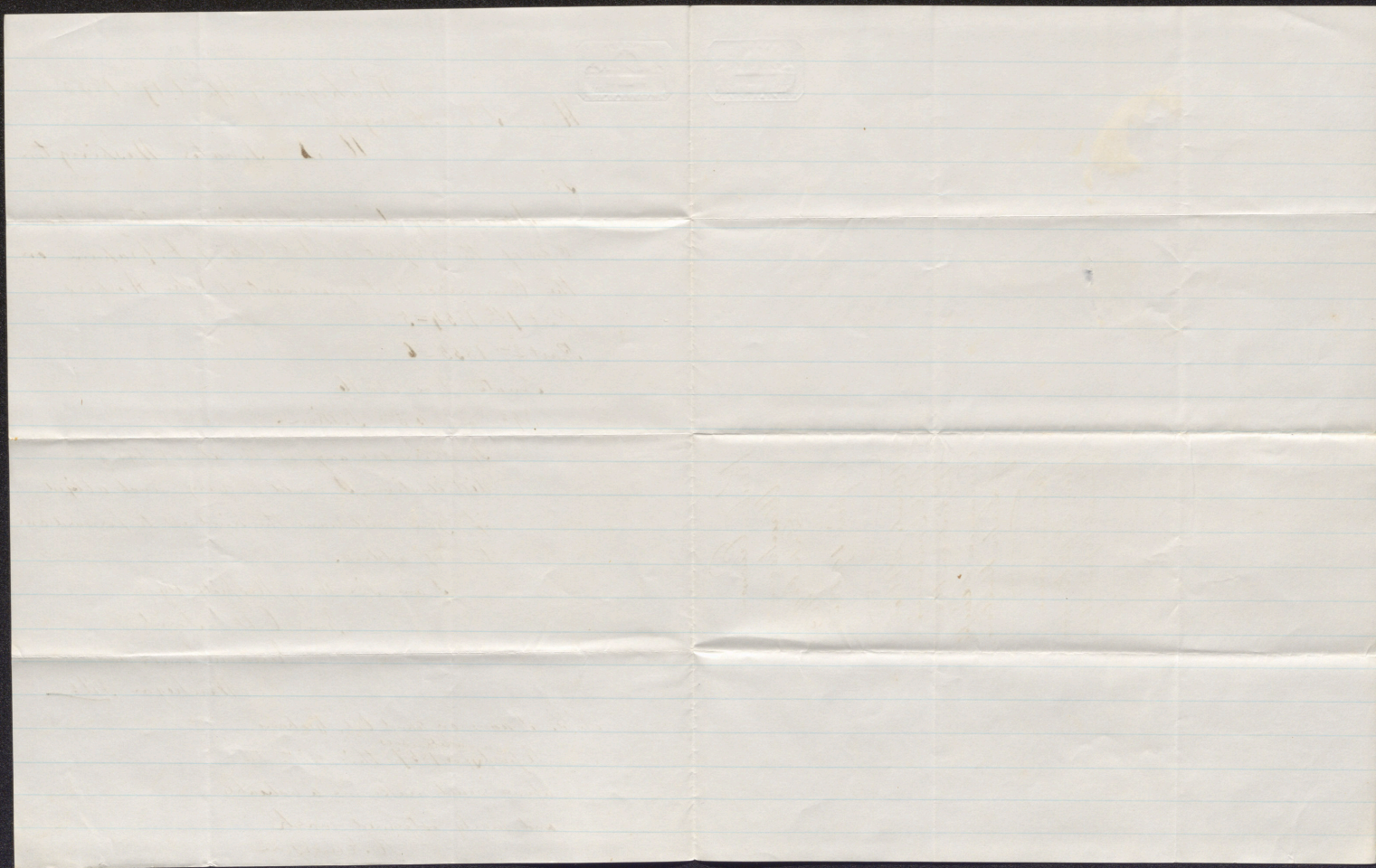
N.B. I have on hand Col. Graham's  
 Reports <sup>on Lake Harbors</sup> for 1857 this with the  
 above would make me a valuable  
 and highly esteemed work  
 R. Emerson



Reuben Crosson  
Waukegan  
Lake Co. Ill.  
April 19, 1858,

Wants, I think  
J. H. Graham's  
Report on the  
Commerce & Ship-  
ping of Lake Harbors.

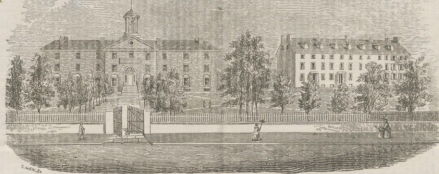
Obtained same  
from Top. Bureau  
St. Louis April 26/58





A J Tarish, jr  
Dickinson College,  
Carlisle Pa.  
April 17/58.

Wants Speech



Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.  
Hon. S. A. Douglass  
Dear Sir,

Will you  
please send me your  
speech made in the  
Senate.

Yours Truly  
A. L. Faust. Jr  
— " —





E. P. Ferris.

Versailles

Ind<sup>al</sup>.

April 19. 1858.

Wants Speech



Versailles Ripty Co Ind.

Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas. U. S. S.

Dear Sir,

Please send me  
a copy of your Kansas speech and  
oblige one who desires information.

Yours truly,

E. P. Ferris.





Nudson Str - Post Office  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858

Saml A. Douglass  
Washington D.C.

Sir -

I am called upon daily for the Speech of Mr Douglass delivered in Senate on 22<sup>d</sup> March - My reply to our Democratic friends has been that probably we should get it in some of the papers in short time - but as it has not appeared I take the liberty to ask if you could send me from copies that I might distribute to our anxious Democratic citizens -

Any copies you may feel disposed to send shall be generously distributed -

Very Respectfully

Yours obt Servt  
J R Frost

P.M.

D. K. Frost  
Post Master,

Andover,  
Summit Co., Ohio.  
April 19, 1858,

Wants Speeches,  
to distribute



*Handwritten text in cursive script, likely a signature or address, located in the lower right quadrant of the folded paper.*



Washington Pa Apr. 14th 1819.

Hon. S. D. Douglas. Kind Sir. Please send  
me a copy of your last speech on the  
Kansas Exemption Constitution and I shall be  
under renewed obligations to you.  
No person in this quarter has seen your speech.  
All are anxious to see it.

Yours truly

Wm J. Lincoln

Ira J. Lacock

Washington  
D.C.

April 17/58.

Wants Speech

Wm Lockwood  
Alfred University  
Alfred Centre  
N.Y.

April 19. 1858

Invitation to  
deliver address  
before Society  
of the University,  
Larkspur, N.Y.

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Alfred University April 19. 1858  
Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir I write to enquire  
if you will deliver an address before the  
Orpheusian Lyceum of Alfred University  
on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June next at their  
anniversary session And if you will  
what your price will be you will  
oblige much by answering immediately  
direct to W. A. Lockwood Alfred Centre N.Y.  
Yours respectfully  
W. A. Lockwood  
Corresponding Sec





New York April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

I would beg you to excuse the liberty I now take, by addressing to you these brief lines. We being at present perfect strangers to each other, I feel it is my duty to offer this apology.

I had the pleasure the other day of looking through the valuable work, recently issued by our Government; entitled, "Explorations & Surveys for a Rail Road route from the Atlantic to the Pacific." Being at the time, highly infatuated with it, on account of its containing so much, valuable, interesting, and useful information, I resolved if possible to obtain a copy of it.

I have been informed, such works cannot be obtained except through the kindness of some member of Congress. I believe, each member, is allowed, as many as he wishes to distribute, among his personal friends. My object in writing this letter, is to request you, (as a great favor) to obtain the above named book, for me, if you can do so, without putting yourself to any trouble or expense. If you have none to spare yourself, will you not greatly oblige me by using your influence, to procure one. I assure you Sir, it is a work, <sup>which</sup> possesses many charms, and attractions.



for me, containing as it does such an extensive amount of  
information -

If you will put yourself to this trouble, please direct  
the volume to my address Care Prof. Bailey Southard & Co  
Broadway  
New York

If I succeed, in <sup>obtaining</sup> ~~sending~~ this work, (through your kindness) <sup>not</sup>  
I shall know how to express my gratitude to you -

With great respect, I remain

Your most obedient Servant

Frank M. Lindsey



Frank M. Gimsey  
New York  
April 19, 1888,

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Pags for  
Pac: RR Reports  
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Chicago April 19 58  
 Hon. S. A. Douglass  
 Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,  
 I am <sup>very</sup> glad to hear of your success in the  
 17 inst. — Dr. Motony the delegate  
 to opposition and you were  
 endorsed fully — The Dr. is here  
 on his way to Springfield and with  
 many delegates will start on the  
 morning train — Every day you  
 are growing stronger with the people  
 and I have no doubt that you  
 will take several counties in first  
 district — Some of our friends  
 are talking even about Kane  
 & Detroit Counties going for  
 Douglass — but I have no idea  
 they will — Jo Davis and Stephenson  
 I am sure will — Bill Jackson  
 is delegate with us & he thinks  
 McKeny will go for your  
 reelection — Your love & regards  
 to Jo Davis and Stephenson —  
 They are sure with little nursing



Good Shocks I repeat  
is the man for us to  
run for the senate  
I spoke of him in my last.  
He is poor but I have  
made it for his interests  
to consent to run & he  
keeps the "Desoto" —

I have been in all the  
Counties in 1. 2 & 3. District  
& I tell you again — you  
are daily increasing with  
the Masses of

Dr. Sharts

M. D. Moline



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M S Maloney  
Chicago,  
April 19. 1858.

Political.

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Springfield Ill. April 19/53  
Hon S. A. Douglass M.C.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I have just finished reading your speech delivered in the U. S. Senate March 22-

Every sentiment of which I fully endorse. While the Nation is false to its best interests & to those great principles on which our fathers organized this government at the first it will sustain you.

I believe the people are with you, & am happy to do every thing in my power to remove prejudice against you in my travels over the State. Any documents you will send me will be highly appreciated.

You will be gratified to know

that our Subscription for the  
University is going forward

Ten thousand have been subscribed  
in the last two months in the Coun-  
try.

With sincere respect

Yours

J. B. Olcott





J W Clcott  
Springfield,  
Mass  
April 19. 1858.

Political

Independence April 19, 1858,

Hon S. A. Douglas,

U. S. Senator.

Sir:

If you have a copy of the Congressional Globe, which you may not wish otherwise to dispose of, <sup>very</sup> you will confer a very great favor, by sending the same to me.

Very Respectfully &c.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

U. S. Senator

Washington

D. C.

Lorenzo Moore

Soranzo Moore  
Independence Hl.  
April 19/58

Wants Cong. Globe



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W. F. MORTIMER,  
Haller St., between Adams and  
Jackson, W. D.

N. P. LOBERG,  
Ontario St., W. House west of  
Market, N. D.

MORTIMER & LOBERG,  
BUILDING MASONS  
CHICAGO.

W E Mortimer  
to  
N D Soberg.

Card enclosed  
in letter of date  
of April 19/58,  
from N D Soberg  
— filed with  
letters relating  
to private  
property.

Chas. C. Overton  
New York.  
April 19/58

Autograph

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New York April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.  
Washington D.C.  
Sir

As it  
is a source of pleasure  
to me to possess some  
remembrance of those  
distinguished philanthropists  
and Statesmen who occupy  
so important a place in  
Our Country's history, I  
would respectfully request  
your autograph.

I am sir

Your Obt. Servant  
Charles C. Overton  
115 East Broadway  
New York.



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School District N<sup>o</sup> 8  
 Palatine Cook County Illinois  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon: H. A. Duglasp

Dear Sir! We have latter  
 Established a small School Library in our  
 district for the benefit of all under twenty one  
 years of age, and wishing to increase the same  
 as fast as circumstances will admit.

We would most Respectfully request Your Honor  
 if convenient to send a few Publick Document  
 such as will be of benefit and intrest to the  
 same, any such Documents would gratify  
 our young readers, and be most thankfully  
 received

Respectfully Your most Obedient  
 John H. Pahlman  
 Lyman Staples  
 School Directors of District N<sup>o</sup> 8

John H Pahlman  
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Lynman Staples

Palatine  
Cook Co, Ill,

April 19, 1858,

Want books  
for School Library



Cleveland Apr 19. 1858

Dear Douglass

Enclosed I hand you a letter just recd. from a friend, who, is one of the Professors of Columbia College. Do me the favor to advise me at your earliest convenience whether you can comply with the request, that I may communicate your decision to them.

My wife & myself have just returned from a 3 weeks trip west. We went over to the Fox River & travelled about considerable in Wisconsin, and spent a week in Chicago. I found the People with you in the stand you have taken except now & then one who has, or expects an office & if there is one place lower than another in the infernal regions, (if there be such a place) I hope & pray that these office seeking Gentls may be the sole occupants thereof - I saw Isaac Cook. of course he said very little to me, in relation to you but I accidentally heard a P.M. from some Town in the interior, Cook & three or four that I did not know talk about those that would not be sent

sent back to Congress from Ill. & they  
left all of the present Democrats out

Cook then saw me & repeated over  
the conversation that I had just heard

I then told the facts that I would  
bet them a \$1000 that not a single  
man that voted for Lincoln in  
the North West would be returned to  
Congress. This they would take (as they  
said) but dare not put up nor did  
not. Business is very dull indeed all  
over the West & money scarce & tight

Stedman has not yet sent  
me the \$3000 I lent him when there  
He will do so soon he? I also enclose  
a Democratic ticket, that triumphed  
in our old Whig Town Vermilion at  
the recent election. We are all well  
make our kind regards to Aunt Jo  
& the Boys. Will you visit us on your  
way to Chicago & home

Yours Truly  
D. W. Chandler  
H



W D Rhodes

Cleveland

Ohio.

April 19, 1858,

Writes of request  
of Philomathean  
Society's request  
of Political Sec

Answered.

April 27/58.



**Douglas Anti-Lecompton  
Democratic Ticket.**

*For Town Clerk,*  
Isaac W. Nichols.

*For Treasurer,*  
Philip Minch.

*For Trustees.*  
Sylvester A. Pelton.  
John T. Black.  
Jesse Ball, Jr.

*For Assessor,*  
Chandler Edson.

*For Constables,*  
R. S. Harris.  
Geo. W. Bartholomew.  
Zachariah Coon.  
*For Supervisor, Dist. No.*  
S. A. Pelton.

Don't forget to write to me

when you are in the city

and I will be glad to hear from you

and I will be glad to hear from you

Yours truly

Wm. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

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Wm. H. H.

Wm. H. H.



Chicago April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Dear Sir,

Although an entire stranger to you, I write for the purpose of obtaining a favor, which it may be in your power to grant, and for which I shall be very greatly obliged to you. I learn that Congress has ordered the publication of the Report of the Astronomical Expedition, under Lieut. Gillis, sent to Chili, in South America, for the purpose, principally, of making observations on the Planet Venus, for obtaining the Solar parallax. Having devoted a considerable part of my life to Astronomical Science, the work in question will be of great advantage in my investigations; and if published for gratuitous distribution to Scientific Institutions and Individuals, I shall be glad to obtain a copy.

I have recently removed from the State of Maine to this City, and take the liberty to refer you to Hon. Hannibal Hamlin of the Senate, and Hon. Freeman H. Morse of the House of Representatives, gentlemen with whom I have been acquainted for many years.

I am, very respectfully,  
your O<sup>b</sup>. servant

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass  
Senate U. S.

Moses Springer

Washington D.C.



Moses Springer  
Chicago.

Alb.  
April 19. 1858

Wants Gilli's Report





cstetson

CORRESPONDENCE  
RESPECTING  
POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS,  
AND THE  
REMOVAL OF THE BOSTON POST OFFICE.

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*Boston, April 3, 1853.*

Dear Sir—While I congratulate you and the public upon the improvements which you have made in the administration of the affairs of the Boston Post Office, I beg to allude to the further improvements which you mentioned to me, some time since, and which had been proposed for consideration to the department at Washington.

As the removal of the Post Office is one of considerable public importance, and one in which, in any event, public opinion will be much divided, it has occurred to me that some public explanation of the plan proposed by you to the Post Office department at Washington should so far be made public, that the citizens of Boston may understand some of the details of the proposed improvements and conveniences.

Truly your obt<sup>d</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>,

CALEB STETSON.

NAHUM CAPEN, Esq., P. M., Boston.

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*Post Office, Boston, April 19, 1853.*

Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d instant, and take pleasure in briefly replying to your inquiries. Your polite allusion to the manner in which I have performed my official duties commands my grateful acknowledgments. Be assured that so long as I have the honor to be Postmaster at Boston it will be my pride as well as my duty to see that the people are faithfully served.

At an early period, after my appointment, I received instructions from the Hon. Postmaster General to give attention to CITY POSTS, with the view "to making improvements in the letter carrier system to the full extent of the law." In New York and Philadelphia his instructions have already been fully carried out, and the people of those cities are enjoying extended postal accommodations. I have been recently authorized to adopt a similar plan in this city. Instead of boxes to be placed in stores, it is proposed to have suitable wrought iron boxes to be strongly fastened to buildings, outside, secured by locks, properly painted and lettered, and so constructed as to be perfectly safe and guarded against storms. These are regarded as preferable, in some respects, to the iron posts of London and Paris. They are to be placed within distances not exceeding one thousand feet apart, counting the central office, and the station at

South Boston. In addition to these, boxes will be placed at the principal hotels of the city for the accommodation of the travelling public. Letters will be collected four times daily from these boxes by government collectors, without charge, and all letters thus posted will be mailed with the same certainty as if they were deposited at the central office. Thus it will be seen that, by the aid of collectors and letter carriers, the post office will be brought almost to every man's door. Other improvements are contemplated, but as yet they are not matured.

It will be remembered that soon after I assumed my official duties, as postmaster, I issued a circular asking suggestions from the public, such as would enable me to know, not only the wants of the people, but to make improvements should any be needed. In reply to this circular, I received numerous communications, both verbal and written, and upon a variety of topics quite interesting, and to me instructive. They were written by persons of both sexes,—and the public is already enjoying advantages the results of suggestions thus communicated. The subject most prominent, however, was the removal of the Post Office. I was frequently and earnestly entreated by many to give it my earliest attention. With a long and familiar acquaintance with its exterior accommodations, it was not difficult to realize the existence of a necessity so often pointed out, and yet so patiently permitted to be continued. But, as this necessity is now professedly conceded by all parties,—it ceases to be a duty to point out the dangers, difficulties and annoyances of the present locality. They have been too long witnessed and realized by the people of Boston to need any recapitulation on my part. I found, too, that the good of the service demanded different and more extended accommodations.

Having ascertained that it was not the purpose of the government, at present, to erect a new post office, I felt it to be my imperative duty to turn my attention to the practicability of erecting a new building, by private enterprise, that would be safe as an investment and at the same time economical for the government to occupy. The subject of locality, although not a new one,—presented the greatest difficulty which I had to encounter. I could not forget the discussions of the past, when the office was removed only a few





Caleb Stetson,  
Boston,  
Mass.  
April 19, 1858,

Postal Improvements  
Removal of Boston  
Office



Phila April 19-1858  
Judge Douglas

Dear Sir

|| The Leecompton men here want to come back to the Democratic ranks And at a Public place I was asked what I thought about it - I told them I could not speak for the party but for myself I was willing they should come back Provided they stand by the principles and Platform of the Democratic party And if the President desires to come back Let him come he cant do much damage now any how My motto is as Sam Weller used to say - While the Lamp holds out to burn in || The above views appeared to give satisfaction

Respectfully Yours  
Bailey Thomas



Bailey Thomas.  
Philadelphia  
April 19. 1858.

Political  
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Jas B. Webster, Jr.  
Walton  
La Salle Co. Ill.  
April 19/58.

Wants Speeches  
for distributions

Walton. Ill. April 19, 1858

Now. S. A. Douglass  
Dear Sir

You please send me a  
few of Copies of your  
Speeches. as I can distribute  
them to good advantage

Sincerely Yours  
James. A. Webster Jr





Hon S A Douglas

Sir

Excuse a citizen  
of the State of Ohio for intruding on your  
attention— your fame is not exclusively  
the property of the State Illinois, but of the  
whole Country— your devotion to the  
Kansas & Nebraska bill has buried the Black  
Republicans of this vicinity, (who <sup>had</sup> buried <sup>you</sup> in effigy a few months since) ~~and~~  
that party is extinct— All claim you  
as their especial leader—

your destiny is sealed. If life is spared  
the American people will confer on you  
the office once occupied by Washington  
& Jefferson— We ~~are~~ have been buried  
by Black Republicans, but ~~now~~ the odds  
are now the other way— There are ~~now~~  
twenty Democrats here, who want you to  
send us some documents, for we get none—  
Very Respectfully,  
— J W Wright —

Morenci, Erie Co, O; April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858

McKright  
Florence, Erie,  
Ohio.  
April 19. 1858.  
Wants, Speeches,



