

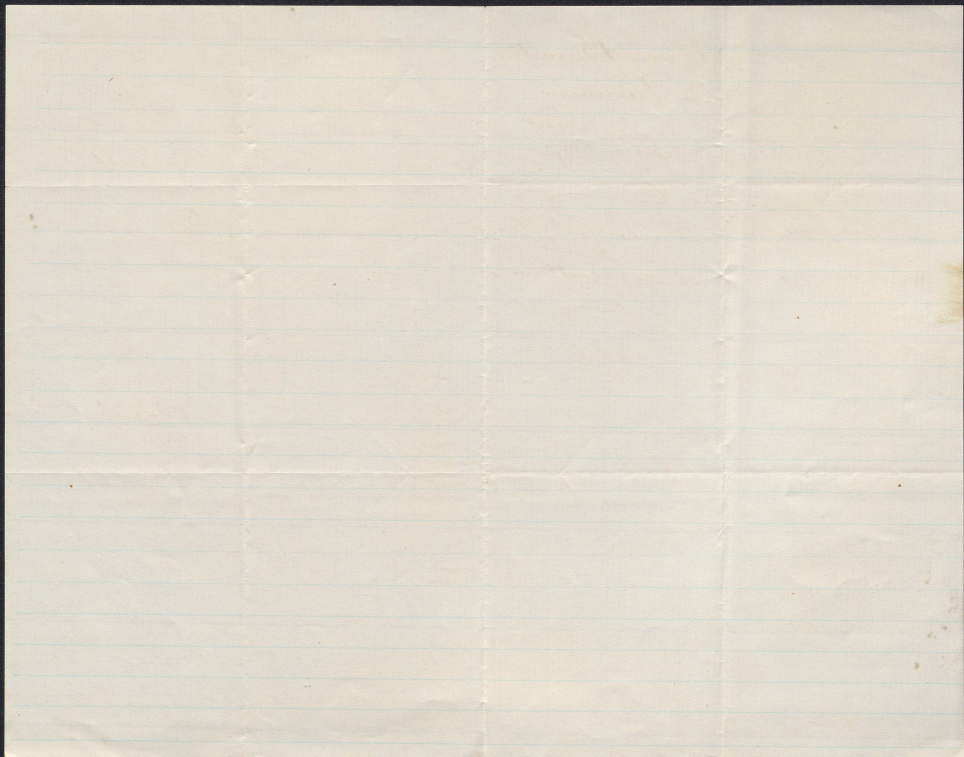
Wm. G. Bennett,
 Richmond
 Va.
 April 26, 1857.

Wants Pat. Off. Rep.
 List of Post Offices.

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Richmond, Va.
 McHenry, Co., Va.
 April 26, 1858

Mr. Stephen, J. Douglas
 Dear Sir
 I take this liberty to write
 a few lines to you, would
 you send your friends in this
 place some public documents
 and Patent Office reports
 I would be happy to distribute
 all you might send, with pleasure
 I would like to obtain a book
 published by Congress called
 the Blue Book for P. O. Department
 any thing I could do for you
 would cheerfully be done
 Yours Obeyingly
 Wm. G. Bennett
 Assistant, P.M.



Grand Ottawa Cycle Mincis
26th April 1838.

Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglass
US Senate Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

We shall feel very greatly Obliged if you will
Send us a Post office Directory of the latest Edition
as we must need one in our business With
Apologies for thus troubling you.

We remain Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Andrew Bosworth

per E. S. Dancer

Andrew L. H. Smith

Grand Detour

Ogle Co. Ill.

April 26. 1858.

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Director.

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Jno O'Brien
Hickman
Ky
April 26/58

Wants Speech.

Hickman Ky
April ~ 26, 1858

Mrs Douglas

Dear Sir:

I would be pleased if you
would send me your Great
Speech on the Locomotor.

I heartily Concur with
you in the manner that
you have exerted yourself
for your Country's Cause
and they best wishes at-
tend you

Yours Truly

John E. Bourn
(Printer)

Har S. Douglas



5211
O. W. Bowler
Stevens, Plain
Me
April 26/58,

Stevens' Plains Me
Apr. 26, 58

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Will you
please to oblige me by sending
me a copy of your speech
on the President's Message, delivered
Dec. 9, 57. If so you will confer
a favor on a "Douglass Democrat"

Your obt. servant
O. W. Bowler



W. M. Brown
 New York
 N.Y.
 1865

My dear Mr. Brown
 I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the
 10th 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,
 W. M. Brown

5212
Jas R Carpenter
Methuen
Mass.
April 26/58
Wants Speech

Methuen April 26. 1858.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

If it is
convenient will you be so kind as to
send your speeches against the
Secumpton Fraud. to J. R. Carpenter.
Methuen. Mass. and oblige.

Yours Truly,

to Hon Stephen A. Douglas, James R. Carpenter.
Washington D. C.



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Chas. Blouwerse
Meriden, N.H.
April 26/58

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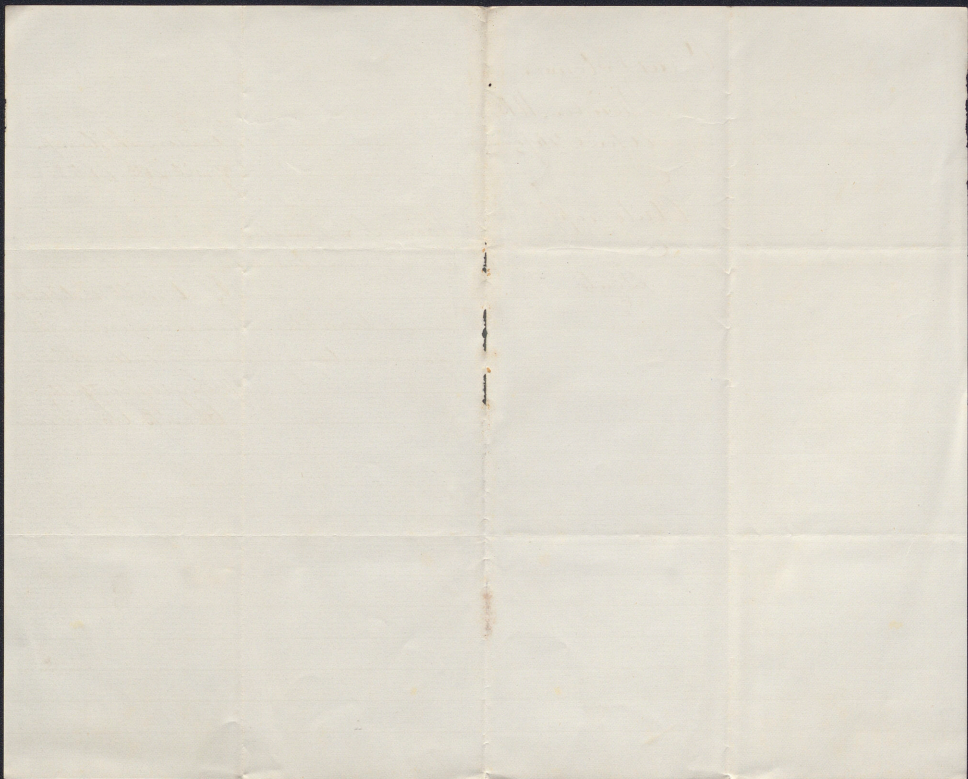
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Meriden, N. Hamp.
April 26th 1858-

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

If it will not be too
much trouble, please favor me with
your autograph, and greatly oblige
Yours respectfully
Chas. B. Blouwerse.



Erastus S. Crosby.

Wyoming.
Nebraska.

April 26, 1858

Has become Editor
Wyoming Post
Wants Speeches &c.

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Wyoming, Nebraska, }
April 26th 1858. }

Honored Sir:-

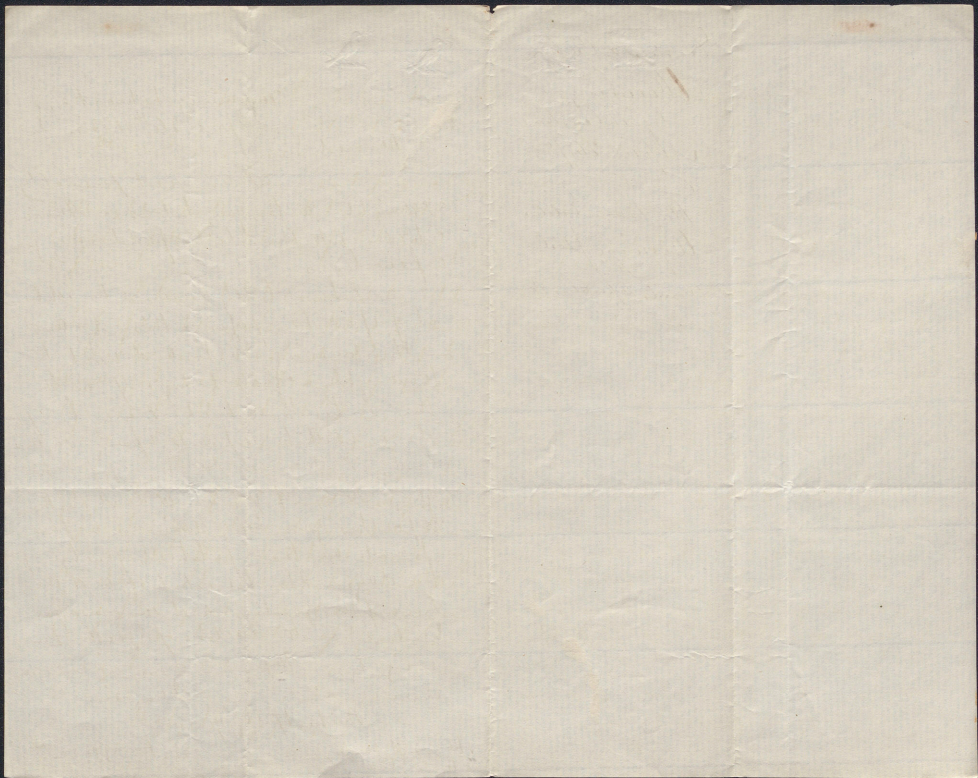
I am not personally
acquainted with you, but as an American
citizen take the liberty of addressing you
a few lines.

I have lately resumed the editor-
ship of a newspaper in this city, and
- The Wyoming Post - and wish to
thoroughly acquaint myself with
the subjects which I may hereafter
be called to speak upon. To this
end, I should be thankful to
you, Sir, if you would send me the
speeches you have delivered in those
States on the political questions of
the day. - The Nebraska bill, and the
Sumner question - and some one par-
ticularly on the doctrine of Squatter So-
vereignty. Hoping that I may not be consid-
ered as intruding, I am, sir,

Respectfully, Yours,

Wm. S. H. Langley,
U. S. Senate.

Erastus S. Crosby.



Lowell, Mass., April 26, 1858.

Mrs. Douglas,

Dear Sir: Permit me, a stranger, to make an appeal to you. I am publishing in this city a paper, the "Spinelle City Idea," copies of which I have mailed you; the object of which is to advocate the rights of free labor and true Democratic principles. Such a journal is very sadly needed, here, because the laborer of New England is very much oppressed at the present time by the power of monopoly. In this respect my paper is very much liked and is widely circulated in all the New England States, and even beyond, and if I had means I could give it a very wide circulation among our laboring people, which I could do without, were it not for the fact that they are very poorly situated this Spring owing to the hard winter through which they have just passed; hence many of them are so poor that they cannot even spare the 13 cents to pay for my paper three months, and I am obliged to send away between two and three thousand copies gratis. For these reasons it is very hard for me to get along and sustain my paper. I want to widen its circulation and enlarge it; and to do this I must have aid immediately. Now, Sir, the reason why I write you is, I thought you might sympathize with me, and lend me your aid. This appeal I would not make, did I not think that you are a man of generous impulses. Sir, I do not wish to sell myself or the influence of my paper, nor buy your aid; but I have to

say that if you will assist me pecuniarily, to sustain
my paper for a month or two till it will sustain itself,
if I cannot remunerate you otherwise, you shall have
the political influence of my journal. This you would
get anyway should occasion require it, but I want aid, and
wish to give some return for it. If I can raise one
or two hundred dollars, I can enlarge my paper and
rapidly widen its circulation, but the smallest amount
would be a great encouragement.

Sir, I have made the above statement, and will leave
the rest with you, by saying that if you can aid me
in this enterprise which is nearest my heart, you will assist
one who is striving, and you will have your reward in
my grateful remembrance, if in no other way.

Should you have occasion to send me some of the
edgful," please forward it by "Express." I should be pleased
to hear from you by mail or otherwise, soon.

Please excuse my hastily written letter.

Yours truly

Hon. Stephen Douglass,
Washington, D.C.

J. Doolittle,
Box Springfield, Mass.
Lowell, Mass.

J. Hoolittle,
Ed. "Spindle City
Idea" —

Sowell. Mass:

April 26/58,

A Stranger —
appeals to generosity
for immediate
aid to sustain
his paper.

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Salem, Mass, Apr. 26.th 1858.

Dear Sir,

If it be not asking too great
a favor, will you have the kind.
ness to send me a copy of your
recent speech in the United
States Senate

Yours respectfully

George H. Flota
To the Hon.
Stephen A. Dodge.

Geo F. F. F. F. F.
Salem, Mass.

April 26/58.

Wants Speech



Portsmouth N. H. April 28th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington D. C.
Respected Sir,

I wrote you some time since, requesting a copy, of your then last Speech, on the Secompton Constitution, but have received nothing as yet; I now request, as a great favor, Copies of your Two last Speeches on the Secompton Constitution & of that on the Pacific Rail Road, for which I shall be laid under many obligations.

Believe me,
Yrs. Wm. Smith.

Joseph Foster

Please direct as before, to Portsmouth, N. H.

Joseph Foster
Portsmouth
N.H.

April 26/58.

Wants, Speeches,

5219
Mrs Joseph Gale,
"Eckington",
near Washington City.

April 26, 1858.

Asking letters of
introduction for
her niece, Miss
Juliana May, to
friends in Chicago.

Am S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Very much
the Revista donna
Miss Juliana G. May
being about to set out
with the Thackeray troupe
on a concert tour to the
North and West, including
Chicago, I shall esteem
it a personal favor if
you will be kind enough
to give Miss May a few
letters of introduction to

Some of

your friend in that city.

Miss May is a perfect stranger to that part of the country, therefore, letters to some leading families or individuals will be of essential service to her, while coming from you they will at once serve as a passport to the good will of Chicago Society.

Hence, the Liberty States in making this request, which, should you favor,

I should

like to receive such letters as you may please to furnish by Thursday, in time to forward to Miss May at New York.

I have the honor to remain, dear Sir,

Very respectfully

Yours, Wm. Joseph Gale

Edinburgh

April 26th 1838.

I omitted to mention, that Miss May will be accompanied by her Mother, Mrs. C. H. May.



Benton, April 26th, 1858

Hon. S. C. Douglas - Sir -

It is needless to inform you of the indomitable spirit which pervades the hearts of the people of this part of Illinois in your favor, and for the bold and inflexible position which you have taken in opposition to the Fugitive Slave Law framed at Leecompton. But, notwithstanding this is true of the great masses, yet we have here a few who, pretending to be Stanch Democrats, are striving to hold you up as a disorganizer, and one of these few is now left here for Washington, - Mr. Timothy Cantel, of Benton. This same man went to the State Convention a day previous to the arrival of our delegates, and contested a seat by stating that he was there from Franklin County as the only representative of the people thereof. Our friend Major Allen happened to be there, and, expressing a sense of admiration at the narration of Cantel's business, that this County was Anti-Leecompton - said that this was not the case; but just at the time Cantel was glancing his attention upon the Convention our delegates Heppner in to the mortification of their illegitimate antecedent, and he was obliged to evacuate. We then left for Washington; he is there, and you be guarded against him. Yours, John Blemer Cassell, editor of the Benton Standard



Mr. Henry Hapsett
Publ. Boston Standard
April 26/58,
Boston, Mass.
Political,
Warms of
Timothy C. Butler
of Boston.

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West Bloomfield
N. York

April 26th 1858.

To the Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglas

Sir,

Allow me to acknowledge the receipt of your speech, delivered, March 22nd in ^{the} W. S. Senate; and, (although directed to a person so blind that he cannot see to read it,) it is with pleasure that I tender my thanks to you for the favor. It is of great importance to me, not only for its sound reasoning on the Kansas question but the historical sketches of the Compromise line.

Relating it the other day to my neighbors they took the liberty to say that I was mistaken.

This speech contains the evidence, and proves me correct. Therefore it is thankfully received as would be all others which you may be pleased to send me. Although I cannot see myself, there are others who can, and any document that comes to hand shall not be lost. Once heard I seldom forget, and I like to repeat to my neighbors the efficient policy you have pursued for the last fifteen years.

You will doubtless learn, before this reaches you

of my petition, ^{sent} to Mr. LITTLE (the member of Congress
from this district) for a pension, in consequence of
having served in the U. S. army in the war of 1812.

After being discharged I entered the militia in
this state where, in the course of time I was promoted
to the office of Lieut. Col.

I am now old and blind and unable to provide
for myself. If my petition should come under your
observations please give it a passing notice, thus
obliging

Yours &c

Samuel Parkhurst

Hon. S. A. Douglas.



Jamies Pierpont
West Bloomfield
N.Y.

April 20, 1858

Bliss was
in year of 1812 -
~~not~~ St Col. of Mich.
— approbatory

W S Pope
Chicago, Ill.
April 26/58.

Went's Northern
Route Survey (Vol. 1.)

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OFFICE OF THE
GALENA & CHICAGO UNION RAIL ROAD CO.

Chicago, April 26th 1858.

Honble. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Sir. I am very desirous of
procuring - for professional purposes -
a copy of the report recently published
by Government on the Explorations
for the R.R. to the Pacific conducted
under the charge of Gen: Stevens - and
I know of no way in which to
get a copy except by asking - as
such books are nowhere exposed for
sale.

If you can without trouble to
yourself procure a copy & forward
it to my address here you will
confer a great favor on

Yours resply to

W. S. Pope
Engineer & Surveyor

DAVID L. HARRIS, JR. WASHINGTON, D.C.

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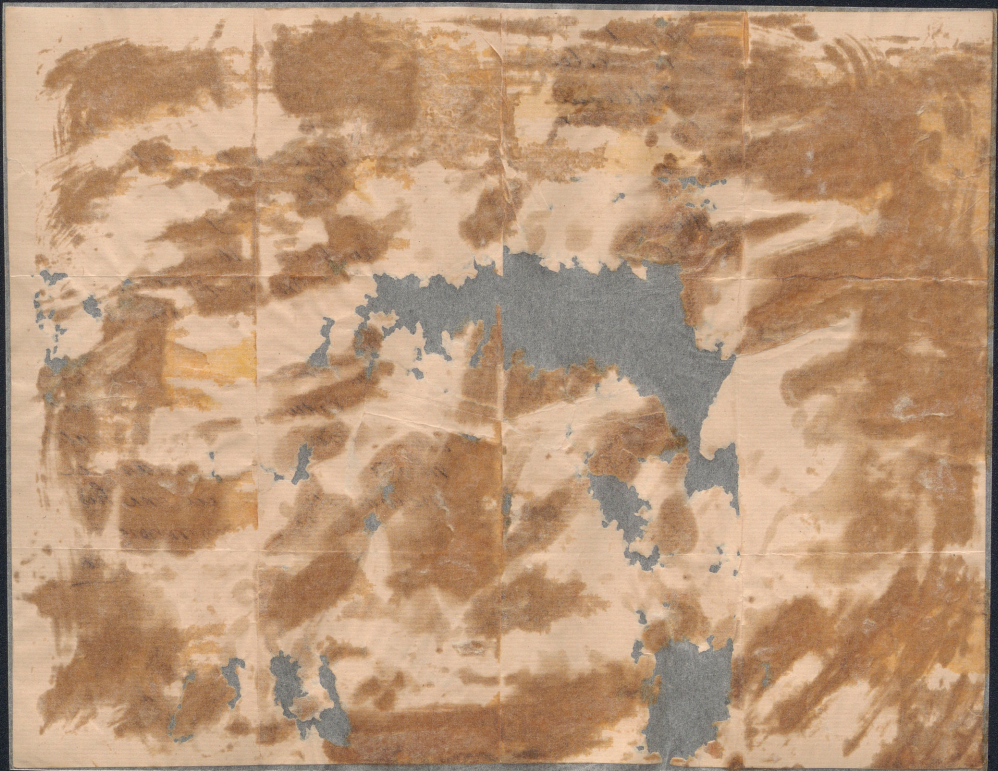
J. H. Porter
 Albany,
 N. Y.
 April 26/58

Friend, Speech

Albany April 26, 1858
 When Stephen is absent
 Dear Sir

May I ask of
 you the favor to send me
 a copy of your speech? I have
 read it in vain to
 measure one, and would like
 to have it not only for reading
 but for future reference and
 preservation. Unless I greatly
 mistake, it will mark a
 memorable Era in our history.

Yours very respectfully
John N. Porter



April 26th '58

Dear Cousin

Such I must call you
 I was better known by you thirty years ago
 than now. though I have kept track of you
 since that time. though you may not know of
 my whereabouts now. I am living in Mich.
 County of Ingham Township of Auricleus.
 and here permit me to say that your present
 course in the Senate meets with the most hearty
 approval in this the Peninsular State and
 further your known sentiments and principles, as
 applied to popular government, would this State cheer-
 I think that certain. but I feel somewhat anxious to
 keep myself posted in regard to matters at Washington
 and for some time have not been in the receipt of
 my usual quota of public documents, perhaps
 I have been forgotten by our representative as I
 have only received Mr. Stuart's speech. Now sir
 any favor in the shape of an exposition or defense
 of the glorious principles of our National
 Democracy will be thankfully received and faith-
 fully used, if sent to my address which is
 Auricleus.. Ingham.. Co.. Mich

Believe me sir
 With respect yours truly

Hon. S. A. Douglass

David Potter



David Potter
Aurélius
Ingham Co.
Mich.
April 20, 1858.
"Aurélius"
Political Sec

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G. T. Todd,
Corr. Secy
Delaware
Antiquarians
Wilmington Del.
April 26. 1858.

Judge Douglas
elected Honorary
Member of the
Society.

DELAWARE ANTIQUARIANS.

Wilmington, Del.

4 mo. 26th 1858

At a Meeting of Delaware
Antiquarians held on *Saturday*
Evening, 4 mo. 24th you were
elected an *Honorary Member*

Awaiting your acceptance,

Respectfully Yours,

G. T. Todd,

Corres. Secretary.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City
D.C.

DELAWARE ANTIQUARIAN

Wilmington, Del.

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At a Meeting of Delaware
Antiquarian held on
Evening
elected

James
L. ...

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Theodore Wallace
Williamsburg
N.Y.
April 26/58.

(Autograph)

Sent
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5225
Williamsburgh April 26th/58
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Honored Sir

If you will have the
kindness to send me your Autograph you
will much oblige a young man and
also confer upon him a great honor

Your Obedient Servant
Theodore C. Wallace

Address if you please

Theodore C Wallace
Cor South 10th & 2^d Streets
Williamsburgh

To Stephen A Douglas N. York
N. S. S.



Ohio Farm Lth April 26 / 58

Hon^r S. A. Douglas

Sir knowing that you
was busily engaged at your post
since the meeting of Congress I have
not troubled you with a line to
this time, but I hope at this late
period you will not think a mile
if I right you a short letter.

I must say that I for one approve
of your course this action and here
you have gained three friends
for one that you have lost -

For the last two years I have
failed to get the Patent Office Report
I wrote to the Comissioner the past
winter to see if they could be had
he objected to sending them, and
as they are Documents that I esteem
high and would like to get

if its convenient for you I would
take it as a great favor from you
if you would have them sent on -

If I have intruded on your time
by righting you please excuse my freedom
for there is no other means that I
would take the same liberty with

Respectfully,

Your Servant
J. Widney

On 3 May. 1858
Agricultural sent to Jos^l C. Widney
Ohio Farm -

— Wrote J. Widney - I asked
if him. — May 5/58.

J. Widney
Ohio Farm

Ills.

April 26/58

Wants Post Office

See note within

J. Widney