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Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Would you oblige me by Sending me a copy of Hermitage, Surrey, I Should esteem it an honor to receive one from you, and if it would not be troubling you too much, I Should like to have your Autograph in one of Said Volumes. by So doing you will confer a favor on one who is Yours Most Devotedly

William C Acton

Baltimore

Md

Wm T. Dixon

Baltimore

Md.

May 1858.

Wants "Herndon's

Survey.

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To

The Hon. S. Douglass,

Sir,

Your known influence and friendly inclination towards all that affect the improvement and embellishment of Washington, prompts me to submit a few remarks upon the subject of contemplated Improvements.

I know not but what I have to say has presented itself to your mind, but as this may not be so, I respectfully submit that — from what I learn as to the contemplated site for a Summer residence for the President, I suppose it to be the bare field bordering on Boundary Street, north-east of Capanovia, (the residence just above what is called "Pearson's Mill") — If I am correct in this surmise, I beg to call attention to a site in the immediate vicinity, of far superior merit in every respect. The site selected is entirely bare of Trees & Shrubbery, the greatest ornament about a Suburban Mansion and indispensable to give it an air of beauty and comfort: And it would require a quarter of a century to get only a very moderate growth upon the ground. Whilst the site to which I call attention has the original Forest growth in superabundance and in great variety & extent. So that by judiciously thinning out the trees a beautiful Park is made to hand. — The surface is gently undulating and the site very elevated, commanding a fine view of the entire City and the distant boundries of Virginia and the lower portions of the District.

"Bucewood", the place to which I refer, adjoins the now favorite site, on the north-east. And, if in some of your afternoon drives, you will examine it, I think you will agree in pronouncing it unequalled by any

other yet named. — The Park gained, is the main advantage, such a one could not be formed on a bare site, in a century.

Then as to a site for the contemplated Building for the Interior Department. — I learn that the Plans are prepared for locating on Judiciary Square. Why trench upon that Square, that section of the city has no other Reservation for ornament and Health, the require these open Parks. — It is not now plain to all eyes — but when too late, it will be seen that a great error, nay, almost sin, has been perpetrated by blocking them up with large Buildings.

A Square of ground can be had in the immediate vicinity, well located and at present without a dollar's worth of improvement to buy out. Square No. 571, bounded by north D and E Street, and 1st and 2nd Street west, would be an admirable spot. Its advantages in every respect are fully equal to those of Judiciary Square, & in respect to elevation above the drainage line, it is infinitely Superior. — Do Sir use your influence and Spare us Judiciary Square unencumbered by a huge building occupying a large portion of its surface. Yet us have Trees, Shrubs, Fountains — but no buildings there. Save us from them, that the air may circulate free and pure, not reflected from & heated up by Marble Walls.

And now as to the Extension of the Capitol Grounds. I learn that the Committees of the two Houses have decided upon ~~the~~ Second Street as their western boundary. This is to be regretted. It leaves between that Street and the Canal a strip of ground ~~too~~ so small in its east & west dimensions as to unfit it for any useful purpose. Has it occurred to you Sir, that by going down to 3rd. Street, the corners cut off by the sweep of the circular roadway, would be beautiful and appropriate locations for Public Bldgs. The elevated ground at the junction of 3d. west and C north would suit well for the Interior Department. The other corners of the great Park, to be, as occasion required, used for other buildings which the increasing wants of the country will call for.

Very respectfully Sir
Your Obt. Svt.
~~A Washington~~
Wm. W. Corcoran

W. W. Birth

Washington City

May 1858

Suggests

"Brentwood" as

Site for Presidents

House —

Other suggestions

of locations for

Public buildings

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A J Cropsey.
Fairbury
Livingston Co. Ills
May 1858.

Wants P.O. Route
established between
Chenoa & Douglas
City

Fairbury Livingston Co. Ill.

Hon Stephen A Douglas—

Dear Sir— Though personally a Stranger at the request of friends here take the liberty of writing you in relation to the establishment of a post route (for a daily Mail) from Chenoa (alias Peoria Junction) on the Chicago & St Louis R.R. across to Douglas City (alias Gilman) on the Ill. Central R.R. You are aware these places are connected by the E. & Peoria & Ogunqua R.R. And though several trains of Cars pass daily we have only a weekly Mail & that not carried on the Cars, and at several of the stations along the route of the Railroad they have no mail at all, to the great inconvenience of the people—

A petition in due form has been forwarded & by Mr Lovejoy

placed in the hands of the proper
Committee in the House-
Now this is to respectfully to
solicit you to aid us in this
matter - By doing so you
will very much oblige a
portion of your Constituents
Yours &c
A. J. Crosby

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Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dr. Sir.

If you have any copies of The Patent Office Reports printed since 1848. Presidents Message with documents Report of Smithsonian Institute or other Scientific, &c. printed by Congress for distribution I shall feel under obligations to you for a favor.

I have the 1st Vol. of Japan Expedt by Perry & would like to get the others. Also I have part 1st of the Valley of the Amazon by Herndon & would esteem it a great favor to have part 2nd.

A few Buchanan men are trying to make a show in this County & Fayett but they cant row their Boat up the Current

In hopes of the final triumph of Squatter Sovereignty

I am,

C. F. Tally

Nelson Hill Ills
Essex Jasper Co

C. F. Talley.
Nelson Hill
Effingham Co. Ills.
May 1858.

Wants books -
2d Vol Herndon.

Sent. Abbotsford
Map being
the 2 Vol. Herndon -
May 25/58.

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Geo Markham
Ouaga. Ills.

Grand Prairie Ouaga Ill. May 58

Dear Sir

As I have been a citizen of Illinois for over a year I would be pleased to have you send me your Mechanical Patent Office Reports and oblige your humble Servant
To the Hon. Senator Douglas
George Markham

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B. L. Peade
Meredith
N.H.
May 1858.

Wants Speeches

Meredith Vill. N.H.

Sen. Douglas

Dr. Sir

As I have had the honor of receiving & reading several of your Speeches and have been highly pleased with their noble Statesmanlike sentiments I take the liberty of addressing you again and soliciting your last on the Subject of Kansas. Together with such others as you may deem circulated.

Yours &c-

B. L. Peade

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Liberty Corners N.J.

Liberty Corners Somerset County
N. Jersey, May 4th 1858

To
The Hon. S. H. Longyear
Bethlehem
Mich.

My dear Sir,

I enclose Dr. Bristol's letter, & would
wish you to act upon it, & take some
steps upon the subject. I think that
the subscription is another, & that you
had, by the proper time to procure it
the signatures

The title is generally in all the Townships
& doubtless in that become with the letter
sent by the Agent I mean.

I am decidedly in favor of the Township
system if we can procure, because
by it the Township is bound
to pay it, & not the individuals, & thus
by the county supervisors afford a better
check against improvident & wild
speculation, & in dividing, & altering
from time to time the districts

Yours truly
Samuel Lewis Boyd

Saml J. Dooley
Liberty Corner
N.J.

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Shawneetown Ill D[illegible] May 1858

My Dear Sir

I have just to say to you that I arrived safe at Shawneetown on the 20th found all well at at Home // Our Circuit Court is in Session Judge Sloane informs me that throughout the Circuit there is but one opinion. and that opinion is that if Kansas accepts the terms offered by the Report of the Conference Committee She is and ought to be disgraced // If you Can Send more of your Speaches he thinks it would be well the people in Egypt only want Light if you Send [redacted] Some to me I will with great pleasure hand them to Such as will read or any other documents you may think proper with great respect your friend and obedient

J. A. Rogers

Have the bill amended
which is pending before your
body it refers to a Judgement
in the U S Court against me
of the date of June 1856 it
should be June 185[illegible] both in
the Report & Bill where it refers
to a Judgement there is no Judgment
of the date of 1856

S P Rowan
Shawneetown
Ill

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The Principal Claims of

America Considered

It is pretty much Reasonable
it is argumentative to infer
that Spain represented the
rights of Europe for several
Centuries after the decline of Rome
& Persons to the Discovery
of America & Columbus
had been shut to shroud
Crown Could Claim any
Jurisdiction in unexplored Seas
Regularly. The Destinies of Nations
have been Lordships they
Should Sovereignty & Power
have been a Gradd Kingdom
under the Title of Admiral
Ocean But this is nothing more
than pleading that Power
was the Lord Sovereign that
Systems the Great Principles
we Should Sincerely
Europe Sovereignty Dominion
Dayton a Colony when
Discovering Principle Should
out a definite Boundary
Location Dyed it is Just to
a Proportion of Indignity
Induce or Weigh Emigration
Remuneration of Governing
Agencies Modify any
Influence in a Moral &
Physical Way, It does more
than any Power in Europe
Could do to Confer Right
ity upon Individuals
in Consideration of Discovery
or any Service which Could
be Justified to unappropriated
Regions The Exception
to the Common Law of Emigration
is the Celestial Privileges
Letters, which differs from
the Common Colonial Systems
Method Continental
Sovereignty is too much
magnified to be easily Appropriated to the Purposes
of Administering to a Foreign
Emigration and any but
a very enlarged Plan
Power a very Extensive

discovery is necessary to
establish exclusive dominion
over separate Districts having
distinct influences.
Any newly discovered or inhabited
region of country or Continent whose religious institutions
are in decay become easy
susceptible to emigration from
any nation whose inhabitants
are capable of improving the
country & are themselves entitled to the prerogatives of improvement & ownership.
The first explorers of a Country
are not always the best qualified
or entitled to improve it because
they may have lost their
hereditary rights of Christendom before
they left home. Hence original
claims of rights of discovery
may by association in a short
time become extinct &
may never be renewable
except on the principle
of justifiable intercourse
& privilege in common
& necessary that it is
not expendable in the Or-
dination of political
rights, for example
a Church & State influ-
ence in America may
be the concentration of
many political & Religious
influences & when
represented by a Nation
it can only be recognized
as a native institution
It is therefore fair to infer
that no foreign power by
a right to dispose of the
territory of a newly discovered
people without such a
political association as is
satisfactory to the inhabi-
tants, & we have lost to
a certain extent that
political right of discovery
& become Nomadic but
not quite alienated from

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Dear Sir

I send you a slip of notes in pencil, on the subject of the Spanish claims founded on the right of Discovery which serve to shew that the Spaniards were more pretences than practical pleaders & those who adopt their law of life do not even by agency, they would be pettifogging [illegible] long Continuance, & such claims even review it as in some better order of human = ability which never refers to anarchy or antiquity but takes known as the excep = tion from the Rule of law. I have a pamphlet title which I intend to send to you as soon as I have leisure shewing that the law of Exception is the Glossary or Con. Rolling principle of the law itself because it is a Conservative resource for keeping the law, in an amendable Condition the law of Amendment is as much a portion of Medical Science & of Religion as of Constitutions & acts

You have the Kansas Bill before you on those Conditions & the precedence is that the Claim is to be made upon the Spanish Throne in the Dominions law,

Yours Respectfully W. T. Walling.

P.S. If these remarks are worth noticing you may if you please send them to the Secretary of State & he then will have to write for the Minister — Those Neither Ink nor Materials proper to write on — I am only at hovering a fair endeavouring for that is the true method to avoid mistakes & Ref wrong

H F Wellington
Saratoga
N.Y.
May 1858
Crazy letter