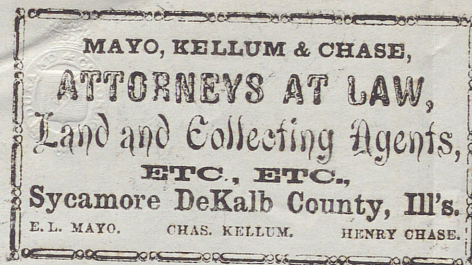


Henry Chase
Sycamore, Ill.



May 14, 1858.

Dear Sir

It is proposed to have a magnificent celebration ^{in this place} of our national anniversary - next 4th July - and many of our best citizens, irrespective of party-feeling, very much desire that our independent Senator should be the "orator of the day;" and by them I am requested to address you upon the subject. I request ^{you} to inform us, at your earliest convenience, if we may expect to listen to you on that occasion. Of other plans I cannot speak. I can say, your presence here, at that time, would greatly conduce to your already much growing popularity -

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington
etc.

Respectfully Yours
Henry Chase

WATSON & MURPHY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
AND COLLECTING AGENTS
WINDY HARBOR
ST. JOHN'S, NEW BRUNSWICK
JAN 18 1881



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John A. Comerford
W. Vernon
Ohio,

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W. Vernon, O.
May 14"

Hon. S. A. Douglas Sir
Would you have the kindness
to forward me the 3rd vol of
Foreign Relations. by doing so
you would confer quite a favor
upon me. any other Documenta
Books Speeches &c. would also
be very acceptable. Hoping one day
to be able to requite the favor
which I ask of you. I remain

Very Respectfully
Yours

John. A. Comerford
Deputy. P. M.



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Kankakee City Ill 14th May 1858

Hon S A Douglass

See
From the tone & spirit
manifest in the last two No^s of the Kankakee
Dem. I am inclined to think that Bristol, its
Editor, has, or is about to sell himself out, to Cook
Lee & Co. And in return for his Treachery is to
have the PO at this place. // Therefore I herewith
enclose for your inspection a letter addressed
to the 1st Asst P.M. You will please examine
the contents of said letter & if you deem it advisable
cause the same to be delivered to the P.O. Dept^y,
otherwise destroy it. I am exceedingly ^{anxious} that
should be no change in our P.O., as it would
be sure to get up a split that would be
unpassable for us to heal. // If Bristol
fails in getting the P.O. we shall have no
difficulty in controlling his paper, otherwise we
shall be under the necessity of starting a new
paper. — The Democracy in this Town &
County endorse your course, "as well as the
rest of our Delegates in Conf" on the English
proposition.

Your Obt & C

J. Welling

J. Kuling
Kaukahee City
Ill.
May 14. 1858

Advise, of the
Editor of Hen;
In the office
of Postmaster
there - & their
political relation.

Wm. Warata King
 1st Asst Post Genl

Sir

I have just learned that Cook & Lib Carpenter & Co of Chicago are endeavouring to effect the removal of our Post Office. If this be true & the removal has not already been effected, allow me to make a few suggestions setting forth the reasons why our Post Office should not be removed.

Geo Longfellow is a sound, efficient, National Democrat well qualified to discharge the duties of his office and has given entire satisfaction to all parties doing business through his office.

He is in every sense of the word a working Democrat devoting his whole time, besides, liberally expending his money for the benefit of the Cause. When Longfellow went into the P.O. there were very few Dem News papers circulated through this office. On the other hand we now have the largest circulation to be met with in any town of its size in the State.

The circulation of Dem. Papers has been increased more than ten fold within the last eighteen months.

While in the same time the repub. News papers have fell off more than one hundred per cent. This change, in a great measure, has been brought about by the

enterprising perseverance of our Poll,

At the Presidential Election in 1856. the Democratic party in this County polled 257 votes only. While at our recent Charter Election we polled 310 in this Town.

Eluding our entire Dem ticket, and the too in the face of the most exciting political contests ever made in this Section of the State. Our success was not alone confined to this Town, but we made large gains in other Sections of the Co. And we now feel confident of being able in a very short time to revolutionize this dark corner of Abolitionism. Unless the whole power and patronage of the Government should be used to divide & distract the party in this State, If this has become the settled policy of the Administration. Then truly our chances of success are small indeed. And I might add the same in respect to all the Northern States. For as this State goes, so will they all go, and in the event that we are crushed out, then there will no longer be any hope for the Dem party in the free States.

In this County we have been able thus far, to avoid any split on Lecompton, And since the passage of the English Bill. & the removal of that vexed question from the halls of Congress. "Notwithstanding the Bill did not meet the views of a very large majority of the party" Still there is every reason to hope that all divisions & difficulties will be speedily reconciled, The removal

of Longfellow from the P.O. would greatly injure the Dem party in this Co. and at the same time be an act of cruel injustice, towards him, For the reason that he has invested every dollar he has in the world in the erection of a P.O. for the accommodation of the public.

And I might further add that he is incapable of any laborious exertions, having met with the misfortune to have his thigh bone fractured with a Musket Ball. at the Battle of Buena Vista, From the effects of which wound he has never entirely recovered, Said wound has been pronounced incurable by the best Surgeons in the country.

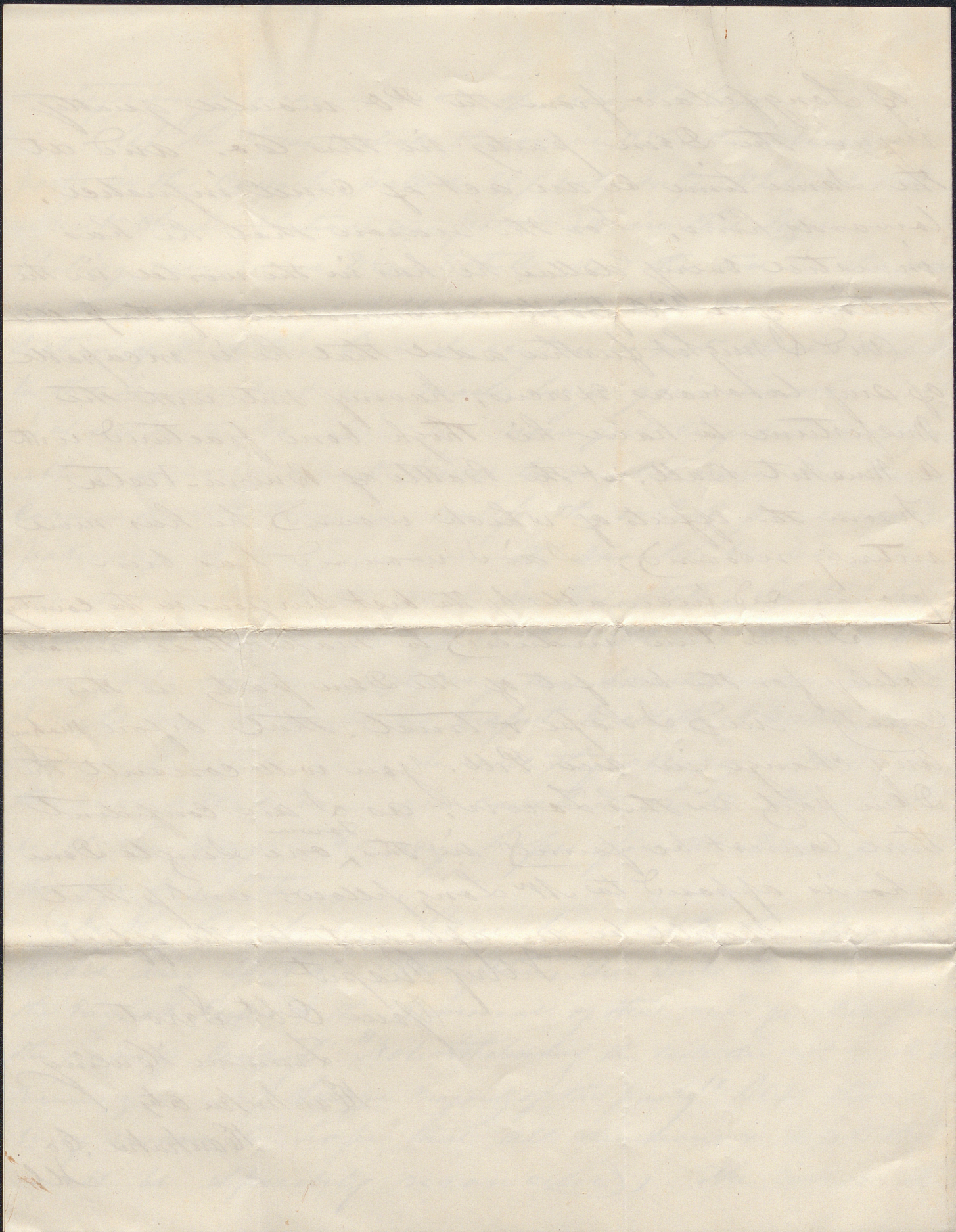
I have been induced to make these remarks solely for the benefit of the Dem party in this County. And I hope & trust, that before making any change in our Poll. you will consult the Dem party in this Town, as I am confident there cannot be found in this ^{Town} one single Dem who is opposed to Mr Longfellow, unless that person should be an applicant for the office.

Very Respect

Your Obedt Servt

Truman Keeling
Kankakee City

Kankakee Co
Ill



Chapel Hill N.C. May 14th/58.
 Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I assume the liberty to ask your advice relative to the study of Law, as I expect to follow that profession and being confident of the great benefit that might accrue from the teachings of one whose teacher is experience I do hope you will allow ^{me} the pleasure of appreciating a letter from you on that - (as to me) interesting subject. I shall finish College in a year but expect to study Law ~~the~~ while at school as many ^{are} of the opinion that one study aids another. Hoping sir to hear from you soon.

I remain yours respectfully

John Ferrigan

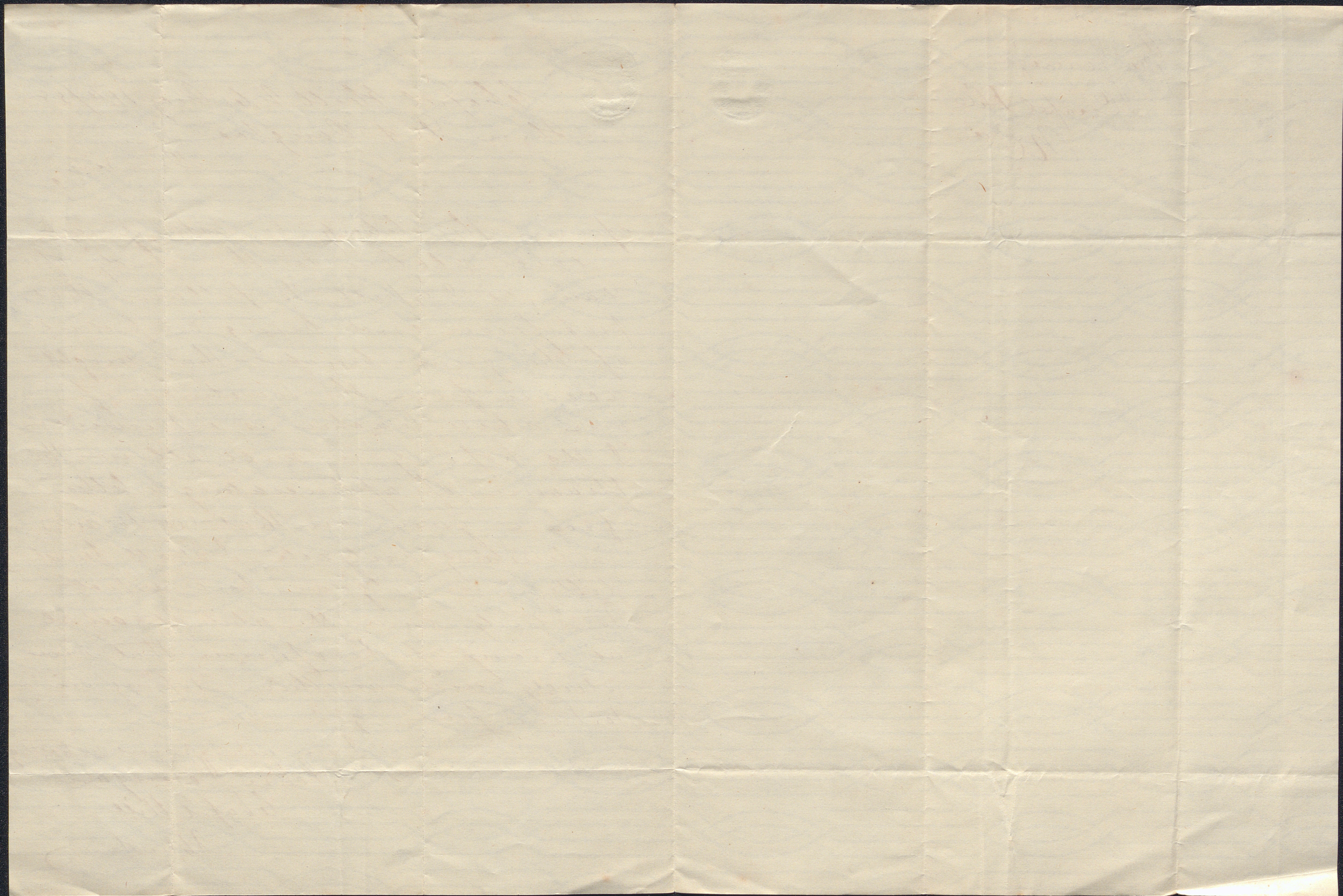
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Far M. Lowe,
Chicago. Ill.

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Chicago May 14th 1858
Hon S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir

Being extremely
desirous of obtaining all the
information I can upon Agri-
-culture, I have made bold
to apply to You as the only
one I can consistently call
upon, for the Reports of the
Patent Office from the Year
1850 to the present time, I
suppose that You can obtain
them without any difficulty
& if You can I should be ever
obliged if You would send
them to me, but at the same
time I don't want You to
put Yourself to any trouble,
I am much pleased
to see that You still labour

in the right Cause, and only
regret that Your efforts in the
Kansas matter were defeated

But it may be for the
best and may be the cause
of placing You in the position
envied by all Ambitious
leaders viz the Presidency
I hope and trust it may
if I can be of any service
to You - You have only to
call upon me & I will
harness myself for the em-
ergency.

Trusting that Your family
as well as Yourself are
enjoying good health.

I remain

Yours Truly
J. M. Loma

Sent Agricultural 1856. May 21/58.
L. O. H. to be sent - if found.

Springfield, Illinois
14th May, 1858.

Dear Sir:-

I came to Springfield yesterday have seen and conversed with Lauphin, Curran, Dickson, Roberts Dr Van Dusen and very many others of our friends in this part of the State - I know all of those of our friends with whom I met I find but one opinion as to the policy of your making Springfield your head quarters during the coming summer - The very fact of this would stimulate your friends and at the same time intimidate the enemy - You should immediately upon the adjournment with your family come to Springfield where you will be able to meet from time to time the people of Sangamon Logan, Mason and other Counties of the Centre where the only fight is to be made touching the political

Character of the incoming
Legislature — The entire South
as well as the Military tract
is regarded by all as safe beyond
all question — The prospect is
for gain of three members two
of the house and one in the
Senate from Madison — One
in White & Wabash — a member
of the Senate from Coleo
with fair & reasonable prospect
for gain of two in Sangamon
One in Logan & Mason, with
chances for loss of one in
Saint Clair and one in Peoria
& Stark — // I will write you
often, in the mean time let
me hear from ^{you} when convenient

Very Respectfully &c
H. D. Preston

F. L. Preston
Springfield.
Hd.

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S J Sedgwick
New York.

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New York City.

14 May 1858.

Hon Stephen A. Douglass.

Dear Sir.

The interest I have in the cause of science, and the absence of exact knowledge on the subject to which I desire to call your attention, are the causes prompting me to make of you the following request.

And what would we not give to know of Homer, Demosthenes, Clay & every other great & glorious man, what I now respectfully request of you?

I desire.

1st Your exact height.

2. Measurement round the

base of the brain, over the perspectives, combativeness & adhesiveness.

3. Over the top of the head, from the Meatus auditorius externus of the one ear to that of the other,

4. Measurements around the chest.

5. Height.

6. Color of eyes, and hair when young & now.

7. Time & place of birth.

8. Temperament.

9. Such other items pertaining to your physique

as you think would be lost on your departure from us.

I have received favorable answers from all to whom I have written. If it meet your approval, please present the same in the form of a letter for publication.

I publish the "Gymnast" a copy of which I send with this, ~~which~~ it has a large and constantly increasing circulation. In the next No. will appear the letters from the Hon W.ⁿ H. Seward & Prof Elias Loomis.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very Truly, yours.

Stephen J. Sedgwick

Elyria O. May 14th 1858
Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

To day I mail you
the Lorain County Eagle. It is the
Democratic Paper of this County.
The leading article I have marked.
It was written by myself and
I believe speaks the sentiments of
the democrats here. It is also ap-
proved by the Republicans here.
This fact I know as I am a
Republican and know what they
say about it.

I am a friend personally of
B. B. Chapman a friendship formed
while we were fellow democrats.
Allow me to say that for five years
last past I have said all I could
against you before our people

honestly believing that you
were the special advocates of South
ern propaganda - and in the
repeal of the Missouri Compromise
you designed to secure to the Slave
Power an advantage against
my inclinations I am constrained
to modify my opinion and sin-
cerely hope that in the future I
shall become satisfied of my
great mistake. If that time ar-
rives I shall hasten to make
reparation.

Respectfully

L. A. Sheldon

L A Sheldon
Lyra
Fayette Co. Iowa.
May 14/58

Encloses political
Slip from newspaper
— was opposed,
now supports

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St Louis Mo. May 14/58
 Dear Sir -

// I have just returned from Macoupin - and regret to say that things are not as I would have wished. I find that Burke is not the only man disposed to be wrong - On the contrary - others - my best friends there are following after him - I did not get to see him he being away - I however exerted myself among others. I had to take the ground that there was no breach now existing between you and the administration - that all difficulties were healed. The disaffection did not arise from any hostility towards you - but from that party devotion to the administration of the nature of which you are well aware. The conduct of

our own papers are contributing
to this state of things. - They have
ceased ~~any~~ ^{all} falsing of violence towards
the Administration and this is con-
sidered as an abandonment of
you, Beside this the Republicans
and Americans are fomenting di-
visions by proposing trade. The
latter is a considerable element
in Macquinn having polled
two out of 400 votes - They
now have out a call for a County
Organization - preparatory to a
State one. Their leaders are gen-
erally ardent & anxious with
the Republicans - & I believe
would gladly go with your friends
- if they could make something
by the alliance - Politically their
sympathies are with you. If
Macquinn is an enemy to the con-
clusion of Central Illinois - I do
sincerely think your friends should

be at work - In the midst
of the bad blood engendered in
our party by Sumner - Combs
there are being some - I heard
they said that will be trouble
some & unbecoming. The Republicans are
decided against you - but with the
Americans - everything is to be
expected. I took the liberty of
promising that you ~~should~~
would make one of your first spee-
ches in Macquinn - The Americans
told me they wanted to see you &
would assist the Democrats in
securing the largest turn out ever
seen in ~~the~~ County. Your friends
are in a decided majority in the
party - but all concern is saying that
the Administration is failing - not
on Sumner - but because your friends
are unwilling to prolong a fight with it.
If peace is really desired at West
Union - it should be at once pro-

claimed. I found that my an-
nouncement of it acted like a
charm -

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I can saw Capt. Root of
Decatur - candidate for Congress
in Shaw's district - He has been
stumping in Egypt - He says
there is no division there - all
are for you - & with unusual
enthusiasm - The difficulties
are only to be seen when you
strike Republican ground. //

I start to
Kansas this evening & will return
to Maumee as soon as we have
fixed the day of election - I shall
probably spend a month in Kansas
Please write me to Decatur
if you will give the Maumee friends
a talk & sermon - To so assure
them would do good. - We can the
importance of the vote there be over-
rated - as they have 1 representative
& will decide the contest for Senator -
~~What can at St. Louis, Ind.~~
Yours Truly
J. M. Keen.

New Mexico
St. Louis, Mo.