

May 25th 1858 Dear Sir

I hope this will find you well it has been a long time since I saw you I heard you speak at Paperville in 1835 or '37 but have not seen you since but have heard from you every year with great satisfaction you have floward the South for the first time Kansas is free and now I ask one favor if it is not too much trouble I want you to write an oration for the 4th of July Next for my Boy he is a young man and I think Wisconsin will have a giant in time as well as Illinois please grant me this favor if you can. I moved from Illinois five years ago to Wisconsin and live near the line and claim you as much as ever

Please to write
one toast

Yours truly B.R. Begin

please address B.R. Begin
Geneva

the reason I ask this favor is } Walworth
Because I think you can beat the world } Co
and if my Boy gets a good name on } Wis
the start it is half the Battle }

you have sent me a good many
Speeches please to send me some more
or any thing else in the shape of reading

don't be afraid I have been a douglas man
for 22 years and am so still yours B.R. Begin

B R Begun

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Walworth & Co
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May 25/58.

Wants oration

See -

Chas H Brown
Le Roy, Mich.



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Detroit May 25th 1858.

Hon J. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

If it is possible will
you send me the report
of Exploration for a
Pacific Railway. Some
times - It is impossible
to get anything out of
our Republican members
from this state - I may
be able to repay you
at some future day -
This state is strong on
your Kansas policy -
as it will show - if you
will give it a chance -
your very truly
Chas H Brown.

this is the 26 day of may the year 1858
 samuel Byenbarger to mr Stephen a. douglass i want
 you to be so good as too send me a Coppy of the Kansas
 and Nebraska Bill with the yeas and nays for it and against
 it i want you to give me the day when president pierce signed
 it i do think it is one of the Best Bills that ever passed Congress
 i do think it is one of the Best ~~dem~~ democratic bills that ever
 passed the senate and house of representatives. it was passed in 1854
 you was the ~~a~~ author of that Bill i do think that it is the
 Real vital principal of our free institutions it is a Buncum
 Bill please send me a Coppy of the Bill i do want to get
 if you please be so good as to send me a Coppy of it direct
 your letter to Samuel Byenbarger, South Charleston
 Clark County Ohio. i do want to get the Bill because
 i do think every man ought to have the Bill. i ~~am~~ am yours
 in Reality Samuel Byenbarger too Stephen a. Douglas
 i am your democratic Brother. So be it
 Samuel Byenbarger

Sam'l Mayhew.
South Charleston
Ohio.

to Mr Stephen A Douglas.
Washington City

Nathan Bundy
Barnesville Ohio.

Barnesville Belmont Co. Ohio
May 25th 1858

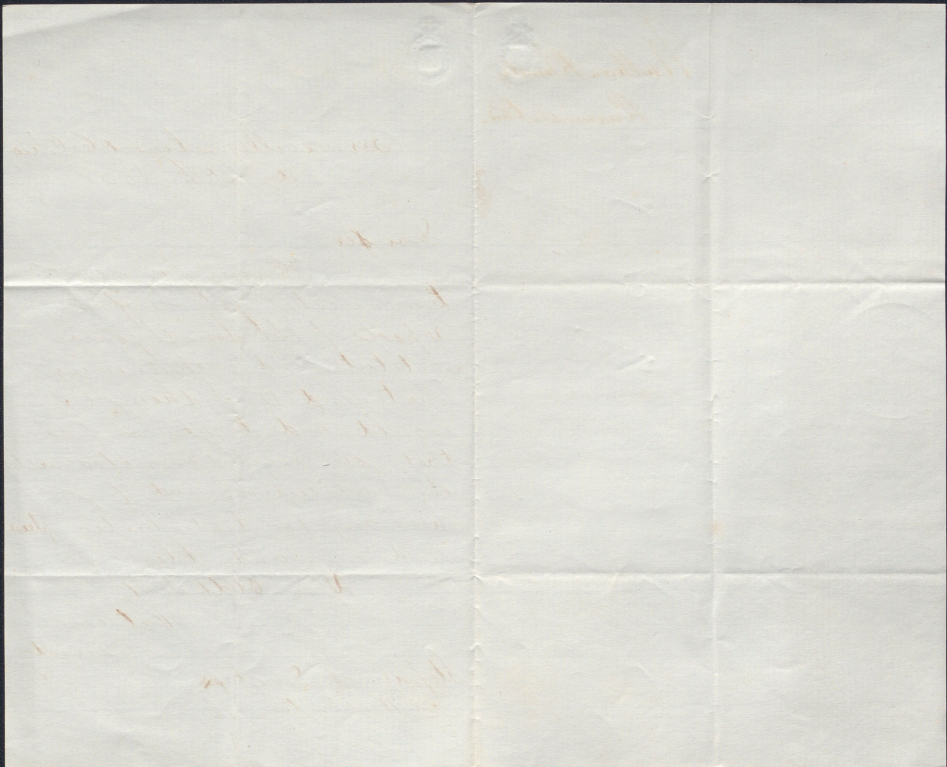
Dear Sir

Having for some time wished for one of the Reports of the Smithsonian Institute and not knowing who to send to I thought I would send to you as I saw that you were connected with the Institution; and if you have any for distribution please send one and oblige

Your Obedt Servt.

Nathan
Bundy

Stephen A. Douglass
Washington, D.C.



Washington May 25. 1858
 Willards Hotel

Gen^l Stephen Douglas
 U. States Senator.

Sir

In the Union of this morning
 I had the pleasure of reading your Bill
 for the relief, and retroactive commitment
 upon our flag, and Citizens - residing
 abroad - You will pardon my addressing
 you on that subject - but the truth is that
 the spirit of the Bill, and you, clear, and
 spirited views called for the this best
 note, I need not say that I was delighted
 with the tenor of the Bill you have
 so wisely - and judiciously proposed.

If you will do me the honor -
 - and the kindness to call at Willards
 any time tomorrow before you go to the
 Senate Chamber - say from 9. to 12 -
 o'clock - I will put you in possession of
 some startling facts - relative to the
 treatment, and the disregard with which

our Flag, and our Citizens have been ~~treated~~
treated in Mexico - such facts that could
not have been dreamed of. And undoubted
all of which - are sustained by the best
official documents - not alone from
our Consul at Tampico - but they
are endorsed by every foreign Consul
of that port.

You began with argument to
giving the Executive primary powers
is just the point that Mr. Chase calls for
to sustain our National Character
abroad, and I shall myself that his
integrity is well known to his Country
was for nearly a quarter of a Century &
I think you will remember my having
connected with the late war with Mex.
the late Country - Mexico. The fruit is
now ripe - it must fall - and into the
lap of this Union - I came on from there
on the 4th Inst^l and reached here on the 22nd
late in the evening - and I have every
thing connected with the late battles of
Tampico - and ~~and~~ ^{was} in the midst

of the 36-day bombardment, when
life and death - went in every shell
or shot, and many closed there. Last
battles of life - not oblige the death of the
Righteous - As please come, and see me
as I will give you a faithful - but at
sometimes a painful picture of our
present, and future - which are all
to me dark shadows -

Agree that is in your hands
and the call of National honor - but still
a stranger call is now knocking at the
heart of every right minded American
namely that of humanity to come up
to the rescue of the American interest
and American honor abroad -

With sentiments of Esteem
and regard - I have the honor to be
Your Very Obedt Servt
Am. Chase

Wm. S. Douglass
U. States Senate

P.S. I came in at the instance of the Church
and you can use our Name - either jointly
- or individually - in this great question
all the documents - are in the State Dept.
We can well confide very power in the
wisdom, and the ability of the President
and of a rich reward - in the true spirit
of the word - there influence that and him
him, as well as an impishable name
A. C.

Mr. Wm. Chase

Willard's Hotel

Washington City

May 28. 1858

Information

of the case

Washington to

Concord, N.H.

Concord, N.H.

J. S. G. Cobb

Andover.
Mass.

Hon Mr Douglass
Sir,

Will you please
send me your two Speeches upon
the Seecompton question as well as
your speech upon the Pacific Railroad

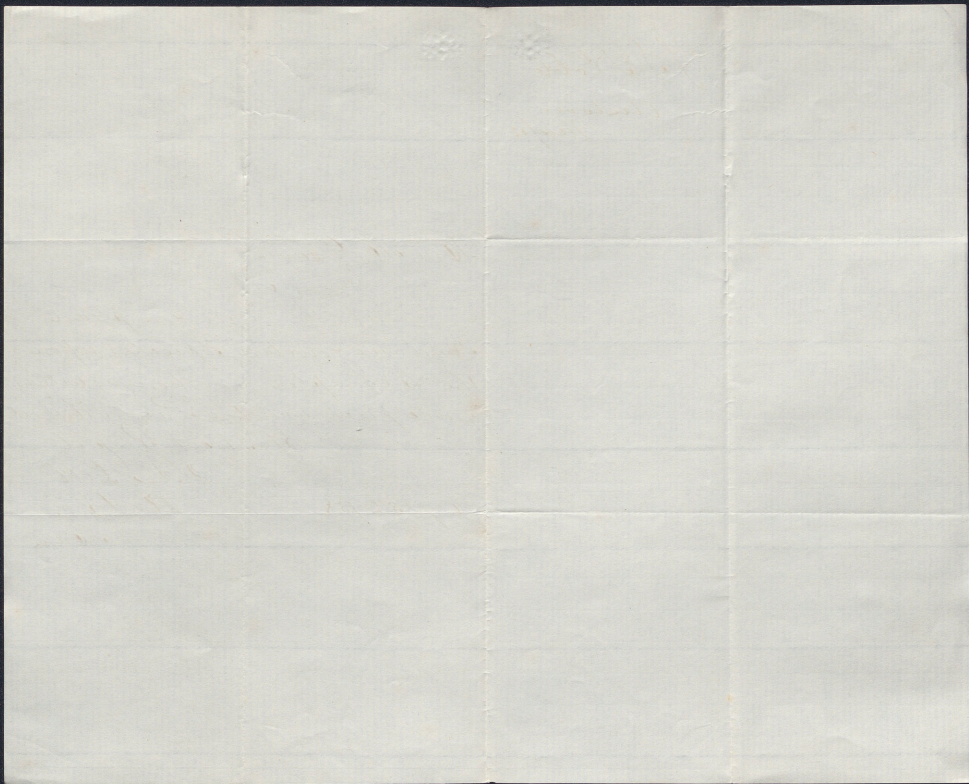
Yrs with Respect

J. S. G. Cobb

May 25th / 58

Andover,

Mass.



Representative for the 36th District.

The thirty-sixth representative district is composed of the counties of Macon, Dewitt, Piatt and Champaign, and Wm. N. Coler, Esq., of Champaign, is named as the Democratic candidate.

The Decatur *Gazette* says:

Every person concedes the necessity of our electing an able and efficient man; one that will be an honor to the district and service to the State. We have heard but one choice expressed. That choice is Wm. N. Coler, of Champaign county

The Dewitt *Courier* says:

Our choice, at present, rests on W. N. Coler of Champaign, as being ably and eminently qualified to fill the post with honor to himself and credit to his constituents.

The Urbana *Constitution* says:

Enough said, then; let Mr. Coler be the candidate. He will carry Champaign, where he is best known, and his worth is appreciated, by from 200 to 500 majority. The people of the District will never have a more worthy Representative than they will in him.

The vote at the Presidential election in the 36th District was as follows:

	Boch.	Fill.	Fremont.
Champaign,	550	235	732
Dewitt,	679	278	623
Macon,	821	393	500
Piatt,	310	250	85
	2360	1357	1940

We know of no man in the District who would make a better Representative than Mr. Coler, and believe him to be the man of all men who can carry the District.

Arkana Illinois

25th May 1858

Frederic Douglass

In this Representative District
(36th) the ~~the~~ Composea of the Counties of "Pike
Macou, Dewitt & Champagne" There has been
Called a Convention to meet on the 18th
day of next month for the purpose of putting
in nomination a Candidate to be supported by
the Democracy.

My name has been suggested without
my consent, by the entire Democratic Press

I could probably carry three hundred votes
more than any other Democrat, but it is my
opinion, that if you will consent to make
two speeches in the District - one in Dewitt
and one in Champagne we can carry the District
for any good Democrat = Can we expect
you to do so? If we can I will see
that a friend of your Election takes the field
but will decline the nomination myself, as I
could not make the canvas without great
expense to my private affairs.

The vote of the District in 1856 was -

Buck 2360 - Fremont 1740 - Fillmore 1357

- Our friends think a majority of the Fillmore

a good fellow, but the biggest liar in the world.
He seems that, in pursuit of the woman, Goodwin
went to London, but not finding her there, returned
to New York. He went from Franklin's Hotel, a
few days since, to a friend in the city. Lizzie
was with him in that hotel. Goodwin arrived
again, deserted him, and she was seen in company
with Randall last Monday night. Goodwin arrived
in this city on Tuesday night. On Wednesday last
he went to his old place of business. There he dis-
played two pistols, one of those had three barrels,
all of which were loaded, and the other two barrels,
former had been presented to him by a female
friend in Ogden street, and asked reward of his late
fellow workmen to purchase the latter. On Wed-
nesday night, he was at the American House, on
Chesnut street. He sat in the room until one o'clock
was turned out by the watchman attached to the
premise.
It is stated that Lizzie, after arriving in the boat,
wrote to Randall to bring her back to Philadelphia.
Randall went on and brought her back. They re-
turned on last Tuesday night and stopped at Ribb-
good's Hotel. On Wednesday Randall obtained
about her last at No. 112 Arch street, her where-
abouts being suddenly concealed from Goodwin.
We now come to the tragedy in Franklin square.
By preconcerted appointment, Goodwin, Randall,
and Lizzie met at 10 o'clock. Goodwin was dejected
and melancholy. The parties walked around in
where there were some stools, and Lizzie sat down
Randall and Goodwin shook hands - (Goodwin ask-

votes will be against us, I think they will be
about equally divided while the complexion of
the migration since the last election has been
against us. - I enclose the vote by Counties
There are a few Administration (better
Liberator) Democrats in the District, but they
will all be right before election day =

Cruttenburg speaks he does us much
good in winning over American votes - It
should be circulated much more extensively

At about what time will you take
the stump in Illinois? //

Respectfully Yours

Am S Douglas
MS

W A Coles

Wm H Coler

Urbana, Ill.

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New York May 25th 1858.

My dear Sir.

I beg to present to
your acquaintance my
friend Mr Lewis Sands
of this city - he has just
returned from a cruise
on board of the Steam
Frigate - Insigne command,
as Capt of Commodore
Sands, and has been

one of the sufferers by
the force that prevents
her - Our Lady is
now very anxious to
obtain, if possible,
a commission in the
Marine Corps - He is in
every respect a worthy
and estimable gentleman,
of extensive and most
respectable connections,
and would, I have no
doubt, do credit to the
Service -

If you can promote

his views, it will confer
a personal favor on
Very respectfully
Y^r Obedt Serv^t

F. B. Cutting

Rev: S. A. Douglas Esq

J. B. Cutting
New York.

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May 25. 1858.

Hon A. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir

You have heard
much of Schuarter's letter.
I enclose Storj memorial. He
has been unwell - but is expected
very soon, and has sent this
in advance -

It seems to me he makes out
a little to Schuarter's, clear
as letters are usually to any subject.
The President undertakes to transfer
the thing to other parties, his pet,
precisely as he would with a public
office - and in so doing invade
the prerogative of the Senate.

This will do. Wm. Ellwood Fisher

Edward Fisher





Lower Illinois
(May 25th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir

You
will confer a great favor on
me, if you will send me a
copy of The Statistical Report of the
Sickness and Mortality of the United
States Army.

Respectfully yours.

Chas Hancock M.D.

(Sent.)

Mr Chas Hancock
Dover, N.H.

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Philad^a May 25th 1858
240 South 3^d St

Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for packages containing Speeches, &c. of yourself and other Senators, on the "Lecompton Constitution" "Pacific R.R. &c."

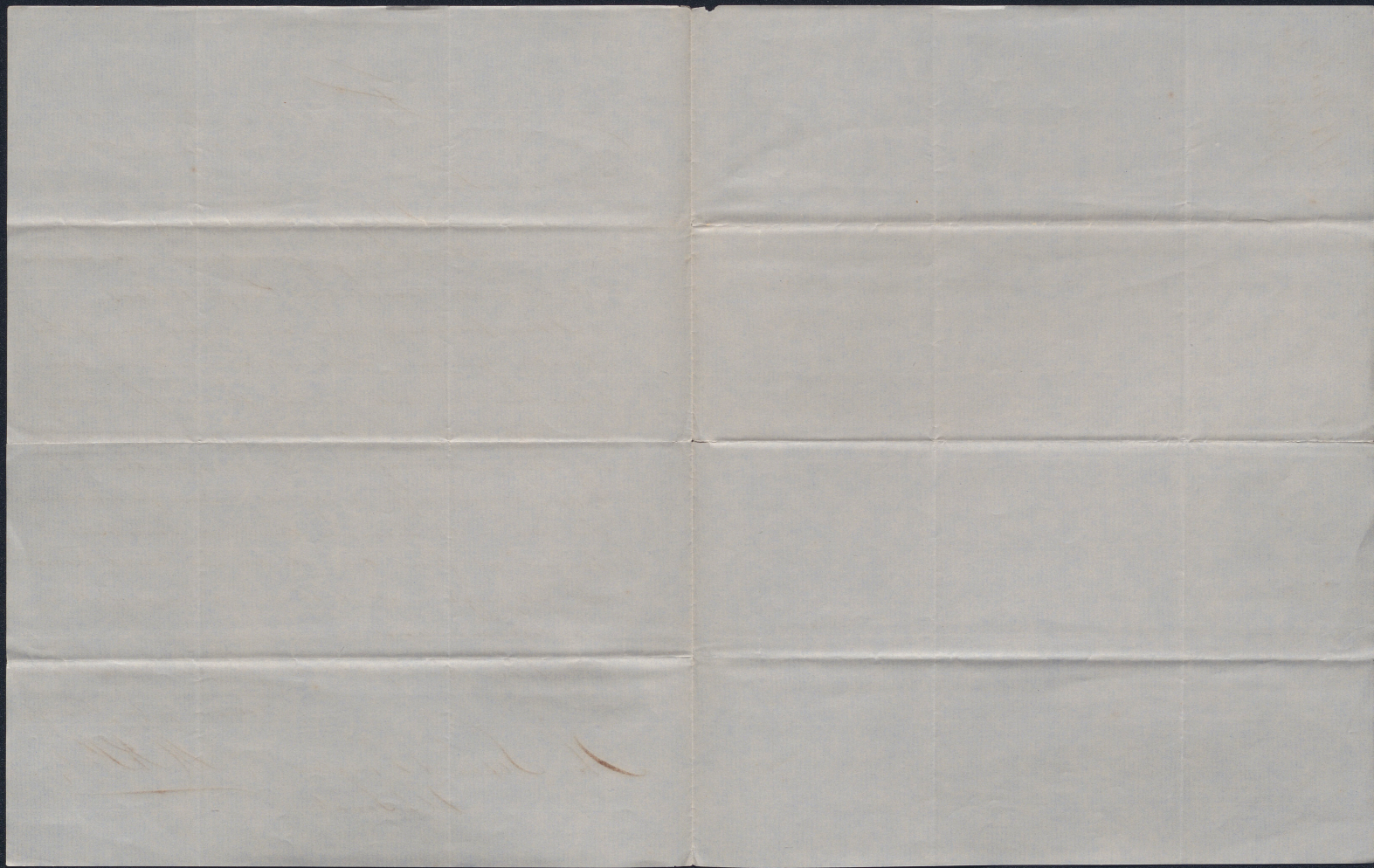
I had previously read extracts from some of them, especially your own, which only increased my desire to have them in a shape suitable for careful study and reference, as well as for circulation among my Democratic acquaintances; amongst whom I am happy to say, as far as my opportunities for ascertaining their views on the Lecompton Constitution have extended, I have not yet found one who does not heartily execrate the vile juggler, in all its shapes, and most of all in its last and worst.

I am greatly obliged for your kind attention
and remain your very Respectfully

Wm Stephen A Douglass
U.S. Senate

M. Keilly
[Keilly]

M R Reilly
Phil^a Pa



Randolph Macon College Va.
May 25th 1858

Hon S. A. Hughes

Public men are public property, and whatever they say or do belongs to the people. Taking the foregoing proposition as true, I act accordingly and request of you a copy of your speech on the Kansas question; Although I am a student and but seldom have an opportunity to mingle in politics on account of the multiplicity of my studies, yet I look forward to ^{the} no distant day, when it will devolve upon me to throw my vote in the ballot box, and to assist the great Democratic party as far as I am able by what feeble talents I possess, a party which has ever conducted the good old ship of this glorious Union through the Charybdis and Scylla of many a dark and portentous storm and upon the existence of which depends the fate of this glorious Republic as there are only two parties the Democratic and the black Republican, for what Southern man would be willing for a black Republican to sit in the chief Magistrate's chair and dictate to us of the south and say you shall have no more slave states. We of the south would rise en masse and sound forth the tocsin of war, I have admired and still admire you for your fearlessness of soul and the noble patriotism which you have exhibited in former days for the preservation of the Union and in behalf of my beloved south. you have been the Apex Pallasson of the Democratic party, and although differing with you on the Kansas question and endorsing the administration of Mr Buchanan believe that you have been actuated by honorable and patriotic motives, and what you deem to be right

Therefore I think it both impolitic and unjust,
that so large a number of our party should consider
you an apostate from the Democratic faith and wish
to read you out the party, as for me I cannot
and will not believe that so far as a champion
of our party has turned traitor to the South in this
fearful and tremendous crisis. I wish to read your
speeches so that I may get your views on the late
Kansas question. In conclusion be faithful to the
constitution and our party, and you will out live
calumnies and detraction, and will yet be
president of these United States.

Respectfully
Wm. P. Miller

P.S. my Post Office
Randolph Macon College, Va

Private

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Wm P Miller.
"Randolph"
Macon College, Va

Mt. Morris, Ogle Co. Ill.
May 25th 1858.

Dear Sir

Please send the Agricultural
department of the Patent Office
Report and

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Yours Truly

Hon S. A. Douglass,

Emory, Vt.

(Sent - May 29/58)

Quoy Hill
W. Morris. H.S.

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Mr. J. M. Smith
123 Main St.
New York City

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation to the
above matter.
I am sorry to hear that you
are not satisfied with the
result of the investigation.
I will endeavor to do all
in my power to rectify the
mistake.
Very respectfully,
J. M. Smith

May 25. 1858.

Private)

Dr Sir,

I have rec^d through
 kindness of Mr. Connolly the printed
 slip and fully concur in the senti-
 ments expressed in the resolutions.
 I presume, from indications, that
 all will work well. - I thank you
 heartily, in the name of your friends
 among the Germans, for the position
 you have taken in regard to the
 late outrages of British gunboats
 in the Gulf; I believe that only
 energetic measures will promptly
 secure the recognition of our rights,
 temporizing would endanger it.
 As far as my personal interest
 extends, there seems to be but one
 opinion and that is in favor of
 the measure you propose. -

Wm L. G. Douglas, U.S. Senator



Permit to call your attention to one subject about which the Germans are unanimous and which they consider the most important measure of the time in connection with our home policy. It is Mr. Johnson's Homestead bill. I know there is danger of its passing the Senate, but, notwithstanding this, a short argument in its favor from you would endear you to the Germans more than even your course of Kansas decomposition. There can be no doubt, that the present land policy of our Government is one of the causes of general corruption & speculation, as is conclusively shown by the proceedings in Wisconsin. That you will vote in favor of the measure, Mr. Johnson confidently expects, - but a speech in favor it would do more, than ten thousand newspaper articles could do in a month. Please favor with an answer as to your views. Yours truly, A. A. Hofer

Alb Hofer
New York.

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May 25



Thos W Larden
Phil. a p.

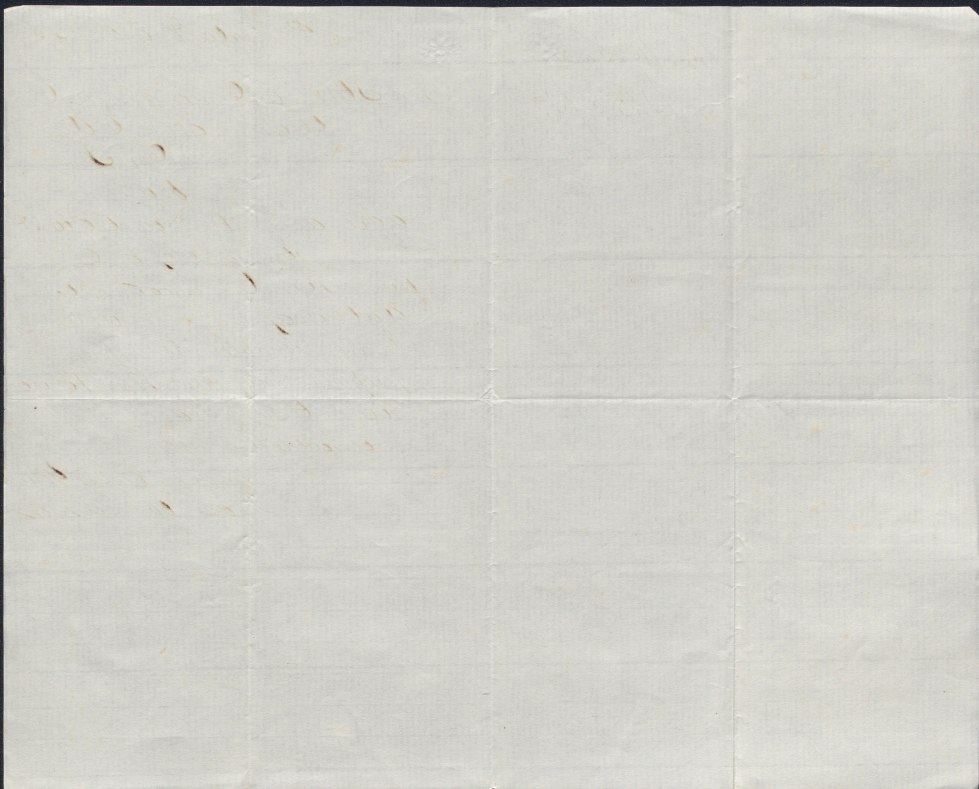
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Phila. May 25/58

Hon Stephen A Douglass M. C.
Washington City

Dear Sir

agreeably to my request
I am in receipt of
your kind favor (i.e.
autograph) for which
I am unable to express
properly my thanks to you
but they shall be
remembered by

Most Respy M^{rs}
Thos W Larden



Sumbury P.O. Livingston Co, State of Illinois May 25th 1858

To Hon Steven A. Douglass Gent Sir, I understand that the
 A.P. have published a heap of volumes upon agriculture, for distribution
 among the people, and now as if they are not all gone, I wish you would
 send me one of those volumes, as I am one of the people, I would like
 one of those volumes very much. Yours &c John P. Leavitt

P.S. I have read your speeches of the 16th & 19th ms & am
 I admire them much, but I wish I could ^{see} you an equal advocate of the
 poor man's right, i.e. that government land shall not be sold for 10
 years after its survey, let Squatter Sovereignty predominate
 over land speculators, for they (land speculators) are certainly a
 more hindrance to the settlement of any new country than the
 & Levers, the fear of rattlesnakes, and all other causes combined, only think
 of these great fruitful wastes here in this & other countries and
 left to rot (and office) at a 2 percent interest (imposed) J. P. L.
 (Agriculture Rept & Seed Saut)

Prof Savitt
Dunbury, N.Y.

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Received of
Prof Savitt
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