

Wataga Knox County Illinois May 31st 1858
 S A Longlap.

Dear Sir I recd your package of
 Speeches and have distributed them among my
 friends. I also recd Patent Office reports of
 Jan 1856. For which except my thanks

Will you be kind enough to send me
 the report of the Pacific Railroad

Also will you please to send to John Gray
 of Wataga Patent Office Reports. Mr Gray is son
 of L W Gray of Aurora Ill. a staunch Democrat

This Season is wet equal to 1448. 1851

Yours Truly

Hon S A Longlap

Ransom Babcock

Wataga Knox County
 Illinois

(Sent Meek's) to John Gray.

Ransom B. Hancock
Wataga, N.H.

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Wm S A Douglass
 Battle May 21st 1858
 Honorable Sir

Please send me a copy
 of your speech, on the "visiting and
 searching American vessels by British
 Cruisers and be assured I shall be
 ever gratefully

Your Friend and

Wm S A Douglass
 Joseph C Burth

Address

40 83 Penn Avenue

Jos C Booth
Baltimore
Md



Andover May 31. '58.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

We I am
desirous of collecting and
binding together all or as many
as many speeches, which have
been delivered on the question of
The Admission ^{of Kansas}, as I can get. I
would most respectfully request a
copy of your speech on the
"Kansas" question. If you will
grant this favor! You will
confer a great favor and aid
me in ~~copy~~ collection.

Yours most Respectfully
Thomas K. Holtwood
Andover
Mass.

Thos R Bottwood

Andover
Mass.

Maude McHenry co. Ill.

To the honorable

Mr Stephen A Douglass

Sir please send me
one copy of the patent Right Report (last)
~~on~~ on Agriculture
and one on the Mechanics^{at} - please
direct to Dearborn post office McHenry co Ill.
and oblige yours

Jos^s Chamblaine

(Sent Mechanical
May 31/58)

Jos Chamberlain
Munda. Ht.

Philadelphia May 21. 1872.

Hon Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir.

Would you be kind
enough to favor me with your
autograph and confer an
obligation upon
yours very respectfully
Thos H. Sanham.

Please address box 497. Phil^a P. O.

Thos H. Lamson
Phil. a Pa

Philadelphia May 10th



Hon. Stephen A. Cooper

Dear Sir

Would you be kind
enough to favor me with your
autograph and with an
obligation upon your
friend Mr. Johnson.

Yours obediently
Wm. A. Johnson

1843

Hon^d S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir permit me
to ask a favour from you - which I hope you
will grant me. I would like to see you before
Congress adjourns in reference to my claim
for Damages sustained in the year 1854 I suppose
you are aware of my having Petitioned to Congress
for relief - since the Death of my Husband, I
have met with many reverses and among others
was the Loss of my Building by fire it was all
burnt to the Foundations and my Insurance
did not cover one half of my Loss - and, at
the time of my Husband's Death there were numer-
ous Bills standing against me owing to the Bills
of Repair and Rebuilding of our House after the
damages by the Water being turned on against the
building - I am left without a home and
destitute of means to provide one - I think it is
but just to ask some Remuneration from the Gov-
ernment therefore will you please be so kind as to
name some time and place when I can see
you in Relation to my Petition

Very Respectfully,

To the Hon^d S. A. Douglass } Mrs Sarah - Fay -

Washington May 31st - 1858

Sarah Fay

Washington City

W. H. Tinsley
Avon. Hs.
May 31, 1858.

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Avon. Fulton Co. Ill.
31st May 1858

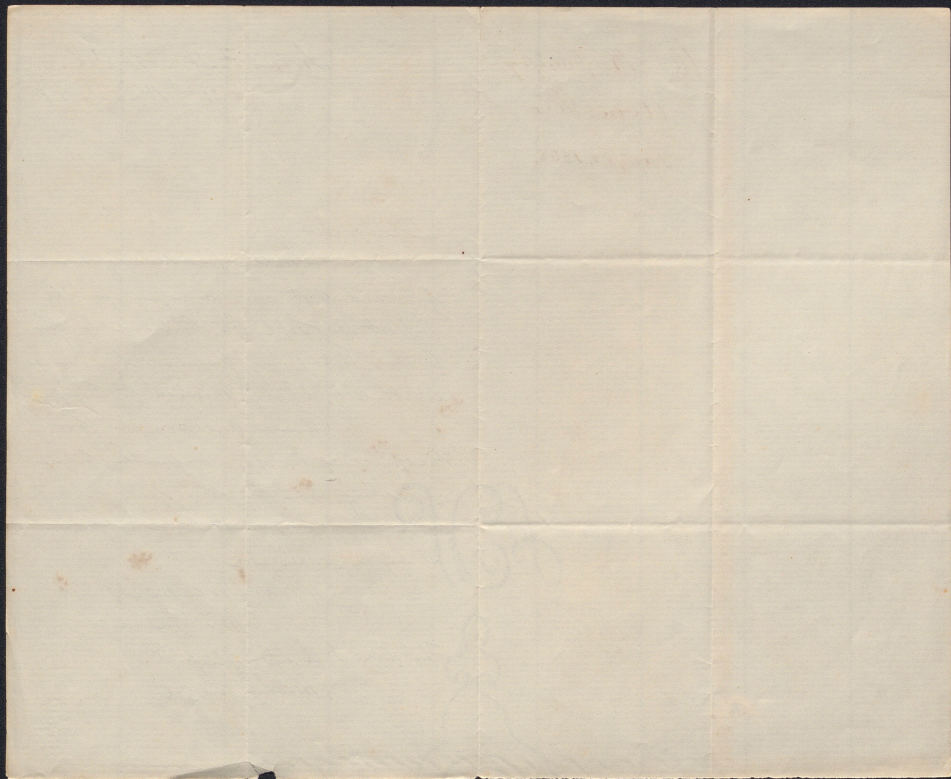
Dear Sir

Will you kindly have
forwarded to me a copy of the
Report of Capt. W. H. Bullard of the
United States Army, printed by Congress
entitled "Military Mission to Europe".

Please pardon me for
trespassing on your valuable time
in asking you for this favor, which
with your accustomed courtesies
I by you will

Yours respectfully
W. H. Tinsley

The Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington D. C.



Hon. S. A. Douglass & Linnens
 Washington D.C.
 Linn Co. Mo.
 May 31, 188.

Honorable Sir:

The Const-
 itution of the U.S. gives the power
 to Congress to Naturalize Foreigners; or
 adopt a uniform law respecting it.

The Minnesota constitution gives
 10. days residence to entitle citizenship.
 Is not this state law in direct controversy
 with the U.S. Constitution?

To Naturalize, & to give Citizenship, mean
 the same thing, — & to give power to vote
 is as much as to Naturalize & no more.
 It seems as though this state right is
 in direct conflict with the U.S.
 Constitution. If this principle

be true we can make voters of Slaves.
 I admire your course the past winter
 & it will be a source of great pleasure
 to know your opinion of the matter.

With Sincere Respects
 I am Truly Yours

N. W. Willis
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W W Hillis

Simmons.

Spencer Co. Mo.

May 31/58.

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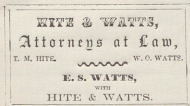
Law and Collection Office

AND

HITE & WATTS,

Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois.

For the Transaction of Legal Business and Collection of Claims in all parts of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin.



Galesburg 1858.

Hon. A. A. Douglass
Dear Sir

Please send us
Vols (I & VII) fifth & seventh of "Expo-
-rations & Surveys for Rail Road Route
of C" Senate doc^t and whatever
expense attends same we will
remit you — Rest — your
friends? —
Hite & Watts

Sent before —
— Post. Prepaid —
2 Vol 6. Pac. R.R.S. —

Sent June 7th 1858. Vol. 7. P.R.R.S.
Sent July 13 — 1858. Vol. 8. P.R.R.S.

Maple Hill, Ala.
Galesburg.
Knapp Co. Ill.
May 31, 1858.

Wrote Vol. 5,
Aug p B R B.

Wrote Letter
Vol. 4. June 7, 1858

Sent Vol 5.
July 13/58.

Kaukahe City, Le 31st May 1858

Wm S A Douglass

Sir

On the 27th inst I wrote you that W H Bristol our Dem editor had sold himself to Cook Le & Co & was to leave the P O. On the 29th the Democracy of this Town sent to the Department a remonstrance against the Removal of Longfellow & the appointment of said ^{Bristol} which said Remonstrance was signed by about 300 Democrats. This Remonstrance was ~~sent~~ mailed at this office & may never get through the Chicago P O. Therefore we forward two other petitions, which we send around the Chicago office. One of said petitions is signed by all the members of the Dem Central Committee for this County. The other is signed by the Dem officers of Kaukahe City viz The President, Trustees, Justices, Constable collectors Supervisor, &c. If these petitions are not sufficient to prevent the removal of Longfellow, we know of nothing more that can be done by us. Cook Le & Co are making a great amount of trouble for us, and if The Administration had any regard for the interest of the party, these Gents would be removed at once.

We could buy Bristol back again cheap & would do so if we were satisfied he would stay bought. Let him be defeated & he will come around of his own accord, otherwise he will be starved out. I am heartily ashamed to annoy you so much with our affairs. Nothing short of party interest could prompt me to do it. Yours Obt Servt
T. H. Gulley

T. Hulme,
Kaukahee,
May 31. 1858.

Relative to Cook,
Lieut. Geo. L.
Post Master at
Kaukahee.



Lyme, N. H. May 31st/58

Hon J. A. Douglass

Dear Sir
Please

send me an Agricultural
Report of 1856
and oblige your humble
servant

George C. Hunt

Geo C Kent
Lyne. N.H.

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May 31 - 58

Mount Carroll Ill

Respected Sir

I ask a favour
at your command what
is in the shape of the
Patent office Report of the
Pacific Rail Road Route I am
a Poor man & can get it in no
other way & I shall ever remain
your Respectfully

Jacob Kittle

Hon S. A Douglass

(Sent Mechl Repts)



Pro Kittle
McCarroll
JL.D.

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Minola May 31 /58

To the Hon S. A. Douglass

Sir please send some speeches
and Patent office Reports
Agriculture and Mechanical

Address J Knowlton Jr

Dearborn Mc Henry County Ill

Yours Respectfully J Knowlton

(Sent A.G. June 3/58)

J Knowlton, Jr
Nunda, N.Y.



(Seal of the British Museum)

New York, May 31st 1858.
Honorable Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of writing
to you, to ask if you will be kind enough
to obtain for me, a copy of the last Census
list, which I desire for a particular pur-
pose- and also to beg of you to send me a copy
of your great speech on the Kansas-Nebraska
Constitution, delivered in Congress sometime in
the month of April. By doing this you
will oblige

Your friend

S. J. Moillon, Jr.
Box 3358 P.O.
New York City



J. H. Miller, Jr
New York.

New York May 31st 1858

How Stephen H. Douglass.
Member of Congress
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

The other day I took the liberty of
addressing you I will do so to day I asked
you sign a slip of paper I enclosed. My object
is to get the autographs of all the distin-
guished men of the day & make a record by sign-
ing You will oblige

Yours Obedient Servant
Henry B Murray

Refer to Preston King care of Mrs B Murray
John Breckinridge
Mrs Cochrane & Co
Who Signed
New York



Henry B Murray
New York

E. A. Palmer, Jr.
Boston
Mass

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Boston, May 31st 1858
Mr. Hon. Stephen A. Douglas;
Dear Sir,

As I am
now procuring the signatures of
the distinguished men of our
country, and being very desirous
of possessing yours, I have sent
this my humble note, asking, if
you will be so kind as to grant
my request, by so doing you will
confer a great favor on E. A.
Palmer Jr, Care of E. A. Palmer,
Boston Custom House, to whom
you will please address.

I have the honor
to be your's

most respectfully
E. A. Palmer,
Jr.



Liberty Borne down to
the Rising May the 3. 1848

Wm. L. Garrison
Washington

My dear Sir,
 Your favor of yesterday, spent, returned
 to you, recently in the ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~best~~ ^{best} manner
 some only to hand. Repressed to exceeding
 best thanks for the same.

The Subjects of the United States, in the neighbourhood of Cedar Grove is a part of our Merchant Marine, is beginning to share the popular notice.

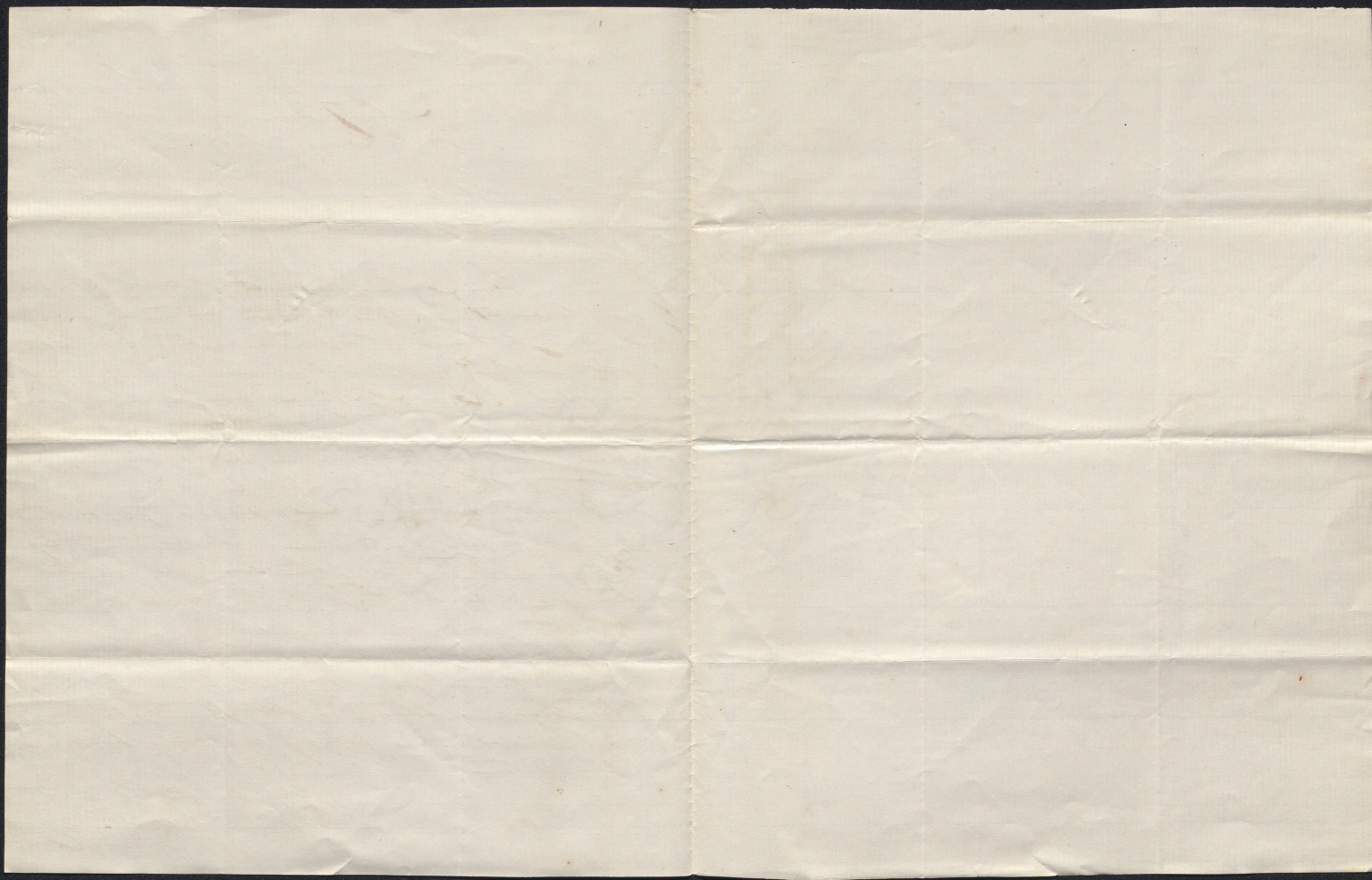
The prominence of the Spectator on the subject & influence by statement of language touching the same, & vice versa, I cannot fail to have its intended effects.

I think that the figures were those that
 were given before to me by some of the
 persons then visiting, & were
 a Remembrance of the day, & very interesting
 character.

I have ~~more~~ all sent
 I have ~~more~~ all sent

Samuel Pooley

Samuel James Pooley
Silver Spring, Conn.
N.Y.



Alexandria May 31, 1838
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington City
D. C.

Dr. Sir

your speech
in opposition to the Compton Living
die New Poor Rect. and its sentiment
fully endorsed. By the Friends of
Popular Sovereignty and Republican
Governments, but since that a new
and Powerful Effort is being made
By the sitting Administration
to sustain its self on the principle
of the English Bill, in this
Section of Country. By prejudicing
your Democratic Friends against
the position you have so nobly taken
we attribute much to ^{the} influence
of our Representative S. A. Corp who
we feel deserted you in the trying
hour. and we feel that he has
deserted all his Pleas to us at the
same time, as yet I have not Recd
any full copies of your Speech a
gainst that Bill. if it would not
be asking to much, could you forward

me some of your speeches against
that Bill or any other documents
that will set your Finance right
on the main question. They would
be very gratefully read and promptly
distributed. You will please pardon
me for imposing on you this long
communication. But feeling as I
do a deep interest in the prosperity
of our common country and the
sustaining of those vital Principles
for which you have ~~been~~ been so
valiantly assailed. I have taken this
liberty.

Very Respectfully yours
E. B. Pettit

69	62	2	1	3
61	18	2	1	4
7	26	2	1	3
6	2	1	1	3
6	3	1	1	3



EB Pratt

Alexandria
Ohio.

May 21. 1858

Political

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Bulletin Office

Newport Ill May 31, 1858

Dear Sir—

When in Chicago last fall Judge Douglas took a memorandum of some documents I wished to complete sets, and promised to send them to me if possible. But I presume in the excitement incident to the unexpected and unfortunate Kansas constitution, his time has been so constantly occupied as to drive all minor matters from his mind. I have therefore taken the liberty of addressing you personally. I want to procure Vols 1 and 3 of the Pacific route Rep, and Vol 1 of the Japan Expedition. I have Vol 2. I believe there were but 2 vols published. Have there been more than 4 vols of Commercial Relations published? I would like to

procure a copy of a report upon
our colonial trade, - I think by Thomas,
and a copy of the last census - the
quarto edition. If you can send
me these books, you will confer
a great favor, and one which I
shall be happy to reciprocate, if
in my power.

In regard to political matters
in this state - the effort making by
the office holder, and office seeking,
to make headway against our
distinguished Senator, I presume
you are fully advised. In this
county, the number of demagogues op-
posed to Mr Douglas are nearly
as scarce as "hen's teeth." Charles Buzz
is profiting, of course, to pay for the
P. O. which the President awarded
him for his apostasy. But he carries
but little weight. He has talked of
establishing a press here in opposition

to ours, which shall reflect the
views of the President, which he
avows, and does not, in that we
have sustained to the utmost of
our ability, Mr Douglas.

I wish, if it can be done without
much trouble, you would send
me the vote of the Senators upon
the several ^{measures} recommended by the
President. We may have occasion
to use them in the coming canvass,
and I have not them in my possession.
Your attention, at your earliest
convenience, to the above, will
greatly oblige

Yours truly
J. R. Souzz
Ed. Bulletin

JR Scruggs.
Ed: Bulletin.
Freeport, Fla.
May 31. 1888.

Wants certain
books—

Vol: 3, PRRS.

Cont. June 9/58

A writer

Replied to ~~Samuel~~ ^{James} ~~James~~ ^{James}
date—asking
him to report
receipts—Name
books he has &
wants

Chicago May 21st 1858

Wm. J. F. Douglass
Dear Sir

Though well aware of the constant & continued drags that are made upon your time & patience by letter: (perhaps begging letters) I hope you will pardon the liberty taken by myself as a stranger to you personally though knowing you well through my friends & relatives.

I do not know Sir whether it be possible for you in present circumstances to forward my suit, but as nothing can be lost by making it nature known. I shall presume to ask your aid in furtherance of some situation under govt. In order Sir that you may see why I am independent enough to ask this much of you, please allow me to say, that I presume very much upon my references, though they be but two persons, known

to yourself, my Cousin H. A. Tucker
is one of the Rev. Dr. Howard the
other. Both of whom I think I think
be gratified to answer any questions
you may think it desirable to propose
to ask concerning me. Miss Giffy
Giffy H. C. also to whom I have
permission to refer will know me
I have been with them for some
eighteen months past, but dull times
compelling them to curtail expenses
they thought fit to dispense with
my services for some months, & as
I am not particularly desirous
of remaining idle, & would like something
certain, rather than wait for an en-
gagement. I have addressed you
hoping Sir, I may not be classed
as exactly among the "Office Hunters"
& that this may not be too presuming
or, as one too lazy to do aught but
encroach upon your valuable time.

I subscribe myself
Truly Yours
in respect
Edw. L. Tucker

Rp Ex 2900
24/10

[Tucker]

Having spent some five years in Calif-
ornia & Oregon. I should not hesitate
to go there, in fact I think, I should
prefer a trip from the Atlantic states

Chas L Lincoln
Chicago, Ills
May 31. 1858,

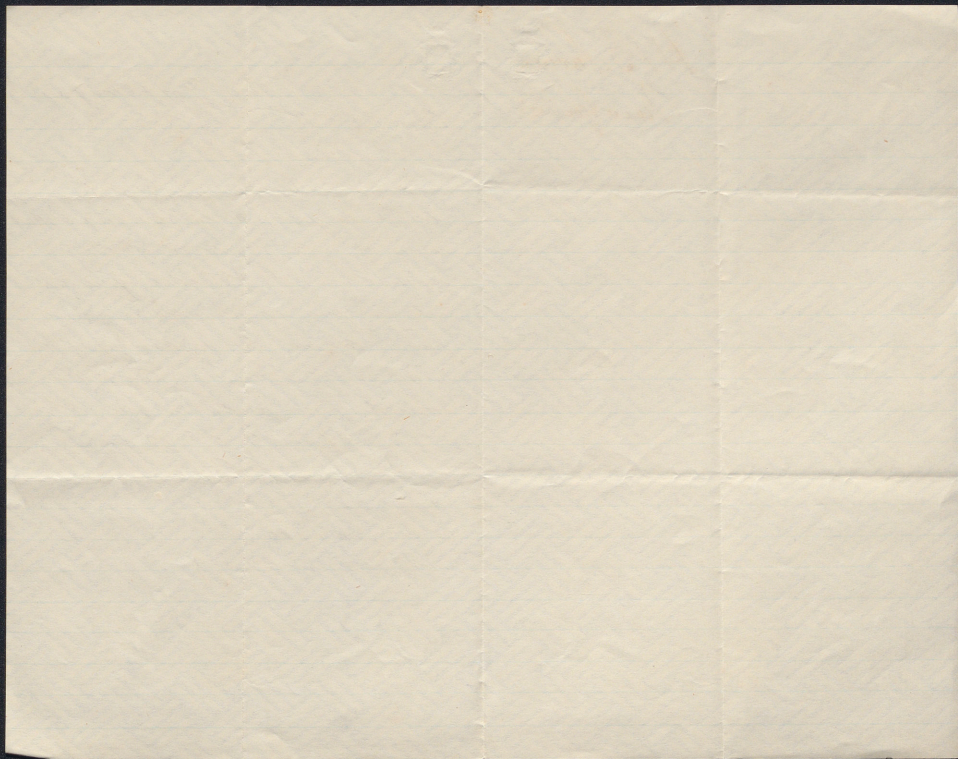
Wants employment
in public service

A. B. Turner
New York

New York May 31/58
Hon W^m H. Douglas
Dear Sir

Having a Great
desire to get all the distinguished
men of the United States
signature I trouble you by
asking you to confer a great
favor to me by signing your
name on Within Paper by
which you will much oblige
Yours Obed^t Serv^t
A. B. Turner

direct to
Box 1227 New York P. O.
Enclosed Directions }



Haverhill Mass May 31/58

Dear Sir

Will you have the kindness to send me your speech, one of the most important that you have delivered in the senate chamber in so doing you will confer a great favor upon your humble servant.

Edward F. Webster

P.S. please send your autograph with the same.

Webster

Edw S Webster
Haverhill.
Mass:

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O. Willey
Munda. Ill.

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Munda May 31 /58

To the Hon Mr Douglass
Sir please send some
speeches and any patent
Office report Mechanical
Or agricultural

Address Dearborn
Mo Henry County
Ill.

Yours Respectfully
O. Willey.

(Sent Mail June 8/58)



Charles May 1st 1872

To the Hon. Mr. Douglas
in New York
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.
and in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.
Very respectfully,
Wm. May

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Yours truly
C. May

Enclosed (if any)