

A W Beardsley,
Crystal Lake
Ill.

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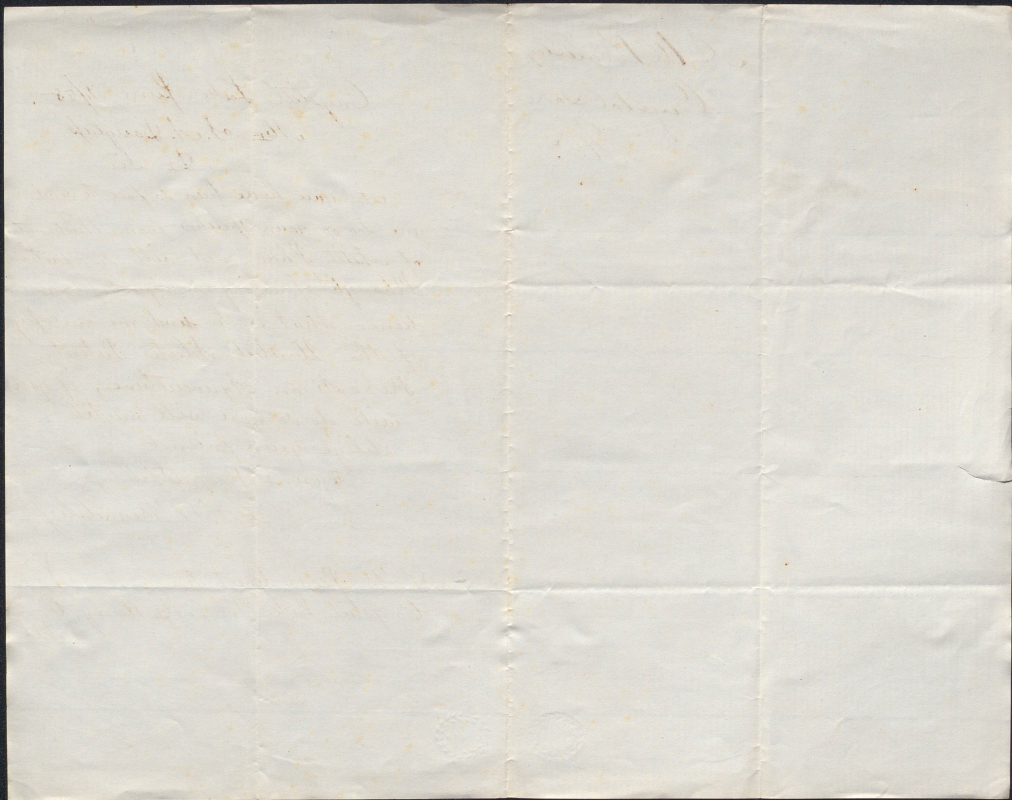
Crystal Lake June 4/58
Mr S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir—

As you have been so free to send
me too of your speeches from Washington
of which I have read with satisfaction
I thought of asking one request of your
honor that is to send me one copy
of the United States Patent
Reports on Agriculture, if you
will do so you will much
oblige your friend

Yours Respectfully
(A. W. Beardsley)

A B Please direct to
Crystal Lake P. O., Mr Henry Co
Ill

(Sent)



Relay House, Ann 4, 1858.

Now: S. A. Douglas, Esq
Of Illinois.

Dear Sir: I had intended before leaving Washington, to have personally called on you - and in paying my regards - to have testified my high appreciation of your character, both as a man and Statesman.

But as I had business before the Senate - I wished to direct my visit of every consideration save the single one that prompted it - unwilling that it should bear the semblance of interest. Since leaving - I have on reflection ^{thought} that I may have done injustice to both you and myself, in not calling - and legitimately asking your aid.

I present on Tuesday - you may recollect the report of part of the Com^{tee} on Public Lands - in which I was intercalated - also the decided dissent expressed by Senator Brodriek to the entire report.

As this case has assumed a personal nature, between the Land Department - with the H^{ouse} Republicans as its organ - and my father and myself - I would therefore request you to urge Senator Brodriek, to reduce his reasons for dissenting from the report to writing - and present them - so that they can be published - with the report - thereby enabling us to maintain the personal fight - until we can settle in the Com^{tee}, the legal questions involved in the controversy.

One reason why I think it was unjust ⁱⁿ not to
seeking your aid - is that if Judge Beech & myself
are stricken down in this personal fight - two of
the warmest personal and political friends of
Judge Hoagles - are injured - and to that extent
our influence damaged -

It is unnecessary for me to repeat here - my de-
cided preference in your favor for the Presidency
in 1860 - On every occasion while in Washington
public & private I did so - and when your letter
first reached - came to your desk again - if you de-
sire it - you can learn - how warmly I defended
you on every occasion - having stopped at the
Lancaster Hotel with him.

I know that I could successfully have appealed
to you for aid - in no other sense than simple
justice against the powerful combination - that
sought to put us down - Against whom I could only
expect defeat - and the fact that they could
only succeed part of the Com. to report against us -
is almost conclusive proof of the justice of
our cause - the final result of which, in the
court - when we can have an equal chance
I have no fears -

Being satisfied that your magnanimous
nature will attribute this letter to the proper
motives - I feel further assured that you will
assist me and legitimately, for my benefit.

Whether successful with Senator Birdwick
or not - I know that I may add - to my already
high regards - the feeling of gratitude -

And whether or no - in 1860 - you are successful
in reaching the Presidency - I know it will
be the people of the United States, who
have cast away the horror of having a
President - and not Judge Douglas - in not
getting it -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respects
Your friend & servant

J. H. Birch, Jr.

Truly
Yours

J. H. Birch, Jr.
Relay House -
M. D.

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 Wm Collson
 North Channing
 N.Y.

North Channing June 7th 1848

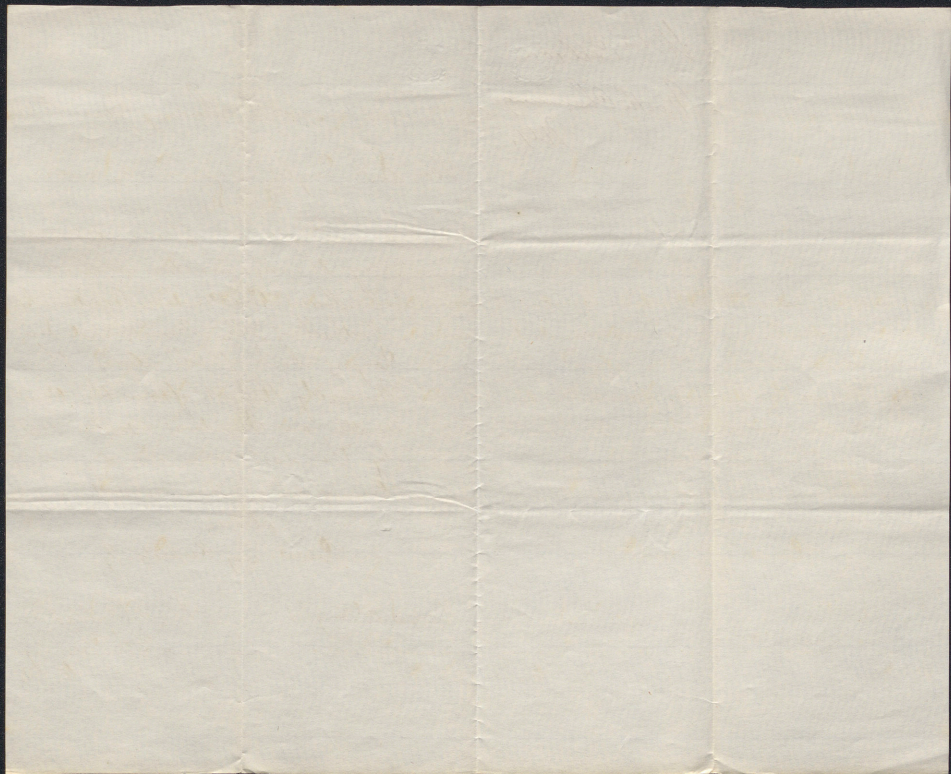
Hon. S. A. Douglas
 Dear Sir

Please accept
 my thanks for the speeches
 of Messrs. Crittenden, Broderick,
 Marshall of Ill., Morris, and Sen.
 Douglas both of Ill. also the
 Minority Report from the Com-
 mittee on Territories submitted
 by the last mentioned gentlemen
 all of which I received through
 your politeness.

Yours Very Respectfully

Wm. S. A. Douglas

Wm Collson
 North Channing
 N. Y.



Elias Lamm
Munda. M.
June 4 1858

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Munda M. Henry Co June 1858
Mr Stephen Abney ^{How} Sir
Please send the Speeches & Patent
Office Reports Mechanical and
Agricultural Reports and Oblique
Address Dearborn Post office
Elias Lamm

(Sent Mch. June 12/58.)



Henry D. Lumsden
Hon. S. A. Loring
Dear Sir

I enclose you have
the Proceedings of a meeting held
by a faction of the Democratic
Party at Lacon in this County.
You will perceive that the Officers
of the Federal Government took
an active part, this faction
in this part of Ill. is a very
small part of the whole, and
their only object (or at least all
they can do) is to divide and
distract the result of which
you can see as well as I
it will give the State to the
Republicans at our next Elec-
tion, and return a Senator
of that party, you are very
well aware of the powerful
influence of the Postmaster
throughout the Country, and
that they do and will exercise

that for the benefit of the
administration is an undoubted
fact, our PM, here is doing
he can in a kind of secret
way to advance the interests of
the administration, although
that wing of the party is not
a Corporate guard, not being
1/10 of the votes, he having held
the office now over four
years, he begins to think that
he ought to have it for life
as it regards his efficiency I
have nothing to say but for
the good of the party, and for
the furtherance of true prin-
ciples I think he ought to be
removed, and his place filled by
one that would advocate
and support the true democra-
tick doctrine, and as rotation
in office is, and has always
been the policy of the Democracy

he ought to be supplanted on
that account, with the injunc-
tion of the PM at this
place and I fear they get up
such a faction as to completely
break up our Majority in this
representative District for our
representation to our State Leg-
islature

Now I would be glad
to have the appointment, and
as I have always been your
steadfast friend and sup-
porter I have thought proper
to address you on the subject
believing you would give it
your attention, as you very
well know the result of
a Republican Legislature here
must be session

Respectfully
Yours
Robert Carson

Robt Lawson
Henry. Hls.

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R. F. Dixon
Dixon. Ill.

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Dixon Ill
June 4, 1858

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of the "Patent Office Reports" which you had the kindness to send me, allow me to return my thanks for the same - I should like very much to have the "Pacific R.R. Reports" (6 vols,) will you do me so great a favor as to send them? it will place me under great obligations to you by so doing -

Truly Yours
R. F. Dixon

Hon A. A. Douglas }
U. S. Senate }

(Wrote 9th - Sent 7th Vol.
p. B. R. R.)

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R. F. Dillon
Dixon, Ill.

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Dixon, Ill.
June 4, 1858.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of those "Patent Office Reports," which you had the kindness to send me - allows me to return my thanks to you for the same - I should like very much to get a set of the "Pacific Railroad Reports," will you do me so great a favor - to send them? - It will place me under many obligations to you, by so doing -

Truly Yours
R. F. Dillon

Hon. S. A. Douglas }
U. S. Senate }

Wrote June 10/58 &
informed him that Vol. C. P. R. R.

had been sent him before
receipt of this letter. I
that, by mail of 10th instants,
Vol. 7 was sent him

Mary P. Fisher
Bradford.
Mass:



Bradford Academy
June 4th 1850.

Mr Douglas.

Will you please
send me your Autograph, if
you will do so you will very
much oblige.

Yours truly
Mary P. Fisher

Bradford Mass.



Amos Arbor North Street 4th Nov 1844

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Having
heard much about your speeches in which
it is reported that you so masterly defend
the rights of the people & point out so clearly
the way in which the constitution can be
preserved & union perpetuated, I have high
hopes for the influence which they will ex-
ert will be the means of allaying all
strife between all geographical parties
and I therefore, assuring you at the same
time that I am your hearty supporter,
request you to honor me with a few copies
of said productions.

I am very truly yours

P. S. Wilson

J. S. Gibson
Ann Arbor
Mich.

Private

Henry Mrs Smith ⁴⁶ 1858
 Howard A Douglas
 Star in

I wrote you some time ago
 and ~~last~~ in reply you kindly sent
 me some reports from the Superintends
 Also your very satisfactory and acquiescing
 on the Pacific R.R. and on the admission
 of Kansas for which you have my
 thanks. In my former letter I intimated
 that I ought write you of what is
 transpiring in this county. On the
 27th of May ult a Convention was called
 in this town consisting of the P. M. and
 two others who appointed delegates to the
 County Convention to assemble at Leavenworth
 the 25th ult. The convention met pursu-
 ant to appointment. It was very thinly
 attended. But you will judge of the
 temper and disposition of the Convention
 from a copy of the Resolutions adopted
 which I enclose you. Those resolutions
 find no response in this section from
 the great body of the people

Mr Lanning is prime mover here beyond all
doubt and the course he is adopting is
disorganizing and will most assuredly
be very disastrous to the party. With
united and concerted action a Douglas
Representative can be sent from this county
district. ~~and~~ ^{therefore} one cannot be
with the aid of the Post office the party
can be kept united and success ensured.
The Office at this place supplies a
considerable scope of County and more
for Political ^{Purpose} can be effected than in
any ~~State~~ Office in the County.

A very considerable number of Republicans
are ^{not} a Douglas ticket. I have formally
acted with the Republican party but shall
do all I can for your reelection. But
the course that our P. M. is pursuing is
sure to invite defeat to his ^{assembly} candidate.
Should you desire any more satisfactory
assistance of myself - I respectfully refer
you to Mr B Smith Mayor or any man
in good standing here.

Yours L. L.
Benjamin Kirk

P.S. Please let me know if you receive this

(Please to Count the way Refs)

Benj. Kirk
Henry H.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COUNTY
CONVENTION. 5900-2

Messrs. Editors: The National Democratic party of Marshall County assembled in Convention in the city of Lacon, on the 25th of May, 1858.

The Convention was called to order by calling Albert Ramsey Esq., of Hopewell, to the Chair, and appointing S. J. McFadden of Henry, Secretary.

On motion of Samuel Maxwell the Convention proceeded to nominate delegates to attend the National Democratic State Convention at Springfield, on the 9th day of June. Whereupon the following named gentlemen were nominated, viz: P. M. Janney and J. S. Jones, of Henry, Julius A. Johnson, of Whitefield, and Samuel Maxwell, of Lacon.

On motion the Chair appointed a committee of three, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said committee, viz: P. M. Janney, J. L. Jones and James Maxwell.

After a short absence the committee reported the following preamble and resolutions which were read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Democrats of the County of Marshall assembled in County Convention for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the State National Democratic Convention to be held at Springfield, and to take such other action as under existing circumstances may be thought the most conducive to the best interest and good of the party and the maintenance of its principles, deem the present a fit and proper occasion for the expression of their opinions upon subjects which concern them as a party and the continued prosperity of this government, be it therefore

Resolved, That we cordially approve the course of our present honored Chief Magistrate James Buchanan in the administration of the affairs of this Government, believing it to be distinguished by ability, impartiality and a just and consistent devotion to the best interests of all sections of the Union; and aided by the wise counsels of a patriotic Cabinet, we are firmly impressed with the conviction that he has no other worthy object in view, than the good of his country; therefore we hereby cordially endorse the measures of his Administration.

Resolved, That the prosperity of the Union upon its present foundation which was erected in the first and purest days of the Republic, is paramount to and higher than all worldly honors; and we look upon the National Democratic party as the only party whose principles are calculated to perpetuate the Constitution and this Confederacy upon their original formation, and any member thereof who manifests hostility to its cardinal measures as held by the *National Democratic Administration* and who acts in concert with the avowed enemies of the Democracy, thereby aiding and abetting the Abolitionists and Republicans against the National Democracy, thus endangering the perpetuity of the Union, and as much as we regret the necessity to proscribe a Brother Democrat, yet when he is found in such company we may well question his Democracy.

Resolved, That the effects of the anti-Lecompton Democrats acting in concert with the Black Republicans to build up a great sectional party in opposition to the National Democratic party and the present Administration, meets with our unqualified condemnation.

Resolved, That a Central Committee of three persons be appointed with power to call future Conventions. Whereupon the following persons were appointed said committee, viz: P. M. Janney, Albert Ramsey and Peter Nisounger.

Resolved, That the bold stand taken by the *Chicago National Union* in defence of the National Democratic Administration and its advocacy of sound Democratic doctrine, is entitled to and should receive the hearty support of the National Democratic party of Marshall County.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention be published in the Lacon Intelligencer, Chicago National Union, and Henry Courier.

Meeting adjourned.

ALBERT RAMSEY, Chairman,
S. J. McFADDEN, Sec'y.
Lacon, May 25, 1858.

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ED TO LITERATURE

"OPEN TO ALL"

HENRY, MARSH

"Curbstone," of the New York Sun, perpetrates the following:—

To settle the Kansas imbroglio one day,
The House and the Senate were worried;
The one answered yes, and the other said nay,
And Old Buck was distressingly flurried.

Billy English appears, and unfolds in his hands,
A plan steeped in cheating and knavery;
He says—"Give the Kansas folks millions of land
If they'll swallow Lecompton and Slavery!"

Even so, all the kingdoms of earth to Messiah
Were shown by the Spirit of Evil;
'All these will I give," said the boasting old liar,
"Only fall down and worship the Devil!"

Executions.

Oswego, May 21.

This afternoon, Dennis Sullivan was executed in the Hall of the jail, in this city, for the murder of Joshua Hibbard. Previous to his execution, Sullivan read a paper declaring his innocence.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 21.

Wm. Williams was executed this morning for the murder of his friend, John Hendricks, in May last.

The gold fever is on the increase in Iowa. Reported discoveries of gold mines in Union and adjoining counties are mentioned in the papers, and parties are said to be making from five to ten dollars a day in gathering the dust. Occasionally "\$200 lumps" and good sized "nuggets" reward the toil of some lucky individual.

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which will be sold at Manufacturer's Prices (freight added) for cash or grain.

The highest price always paid in Cash for Grain.

Hugh H. Morrison
Chester, Ills
June 1858.

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This book is gone
McCook
Chester Ills

Hon S. A. Douglas M.C.

Dear Sir

You will
confer a favor on me, for
which I shall be ex-
tremely thankful, if you
will please send me a
copy of The Annual
Report of the Board
of Regents, of the Smith-
sonian Institution
for 1856.
P.O. address is

Hugh H. Morrison
Chester, Randolph Co.
Ills.

If you have any on hand, please accept my thanks and forward it; If that for '54 is ready for distribution I should be glad ~~of~~ to have a copy,

With due respect
I remain your obt. servt
Chester { Hugh H. Morrison
Aug. 26th 58

P.S. If you have any surplus copies of Patent Office Report on Mechanics, I would be thankful to receive Vols 1, II, III. for 1856. as I have none
Yours H. H. M.

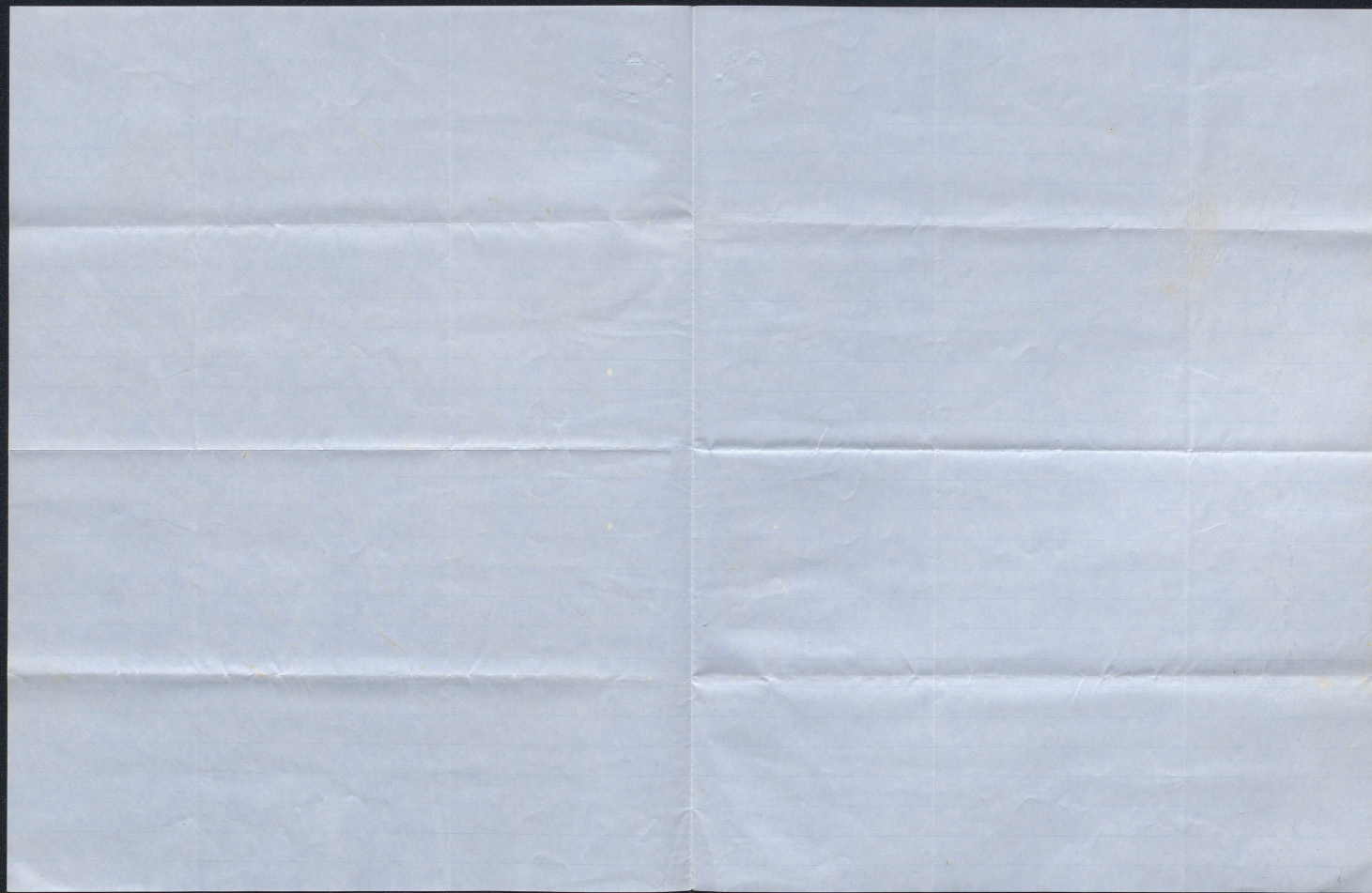
Detroit, Michigan
June 14, 1858.

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
Dr. Sir,

Should no action be taken in reference to the organization of Dakota as a Territory, before the adjournment of Congress, do you think it likely that it may be permitted to enter as such next Winter?

Our Map & Geography publishers as far as I can ascertain (and I have written to know) have nothing issued in relation to that section of our domain, and I have taken the liberty of enquiring of you (as I understand you to be Chairman of the Committee of Territories) whether there are any Public Documents, Maps, or History or printed information of any kind concerning that section of country, and if so whether you will be so good as to forward me a copy of the same, and much oblige
Yours Respectfully
Douglas Payne.

Houglaff Payne
Detroit Mich



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Cleveland, O., June 4 1858

Dear Douglass // I see by the New York Times
 of the 1st Inst. that you & Shields had
 had some sparring in the U.S Senate
 & that Shields had gone to the Pres^d &
 asked him if the Administration endorsed
 the recent articles in the Union -
 Was it Shields?

I have no doubt but
 that the State Convention will pass
 any set of Resolutions you may wish
 passed at the coming Convention. //

We must share every thing our
 own way I think. Mrs Rhodes is still
 in N.Y. We are all well - Remember us
 kindly to your good wife & Boys, till
 you come & see us on your way to Ill.

Yours Truly

D. P. Shields

L. P. Rhodes
Cleveland
Ohio.

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June 4,

Lebanon, June 4, 1858.

My Dear Sir:-

I have to thank you for your kindness and the promptness you exhibited in attending to my request.

I made the request in all sincerity of heart—believing if the real, true democrat understood the course you have taken on the Kansas issue, he would sustain you—stand by you, "as the mariner clings to the last plank when midnight and the tempest surrounds him!"

With many kind wishes for your health and prosperity,

I am,

Very truly your friend,
Jas. Laurence Wrightmyer

Y^r

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

U. S. Senate,

Washington,
D.C.



Gas. Schittager
Sebanon, Pa.

5905
Beardstown Illinois
Cass County

Hon. S. A. Douglass

[June 1858?]

Dear Sir

On the part of

the Old and Stedfast Democracy of Cass County, and
in compliance with the request of many of the most
faithful as well as influential of them We would respectfully
^{request} you to be in our midst on the 4th or rather the 5th
of July. The great majority of our People, are warm,
even enthusiastic in their Approval of your course
but there are some hesitating, and there are a
very few Secrecptors men even here. Your
presence at Beardstown on the Occasion above
alluded to would in all probability have a
most salutary influence for the Unity and
future well being of Our party, and for the
strengthening of the Weak and the Vacillating
and it would evoke such an exhibition of the
Popular Sympathy and approbation, as has never been
before witnessed in this County, or probably in this
section of the State. The People have been anxious specu-
tors of this War of 150 days in Congress

They have witnessed with surprise and indignation the flagrant abandonment of fixed and treasured Principles of Our party for the sake of what a few men thought to be Policy. They have witnessed the disgraceful abandonment of a commanding Position won by our Party not without the most strenuous efforts, during a contest of 3 or 6 years duration. They have ~~heard~~ these men who have thus betrayed the Democratic party, because they thought it Politic to do so, denounce as traitors, the faithful fearless and incorruptible Few who were the Champions of The People's Cause. Meanwhile the People have seen with pride their Champions faithful to the last, and be assured this fidelity will find a grateful response in the Great Heart of the People. They (the People) think that having elected a man to the Presidency by such a Contest as that of 1856, he has no Ex Officio right or privilege, to change the Platform on which he was elected, or to remove a plank therefrom, whose name is Principle and simply substitute another called Policy.

Nor do they think that a Public Printer or that any or all the Editors in the Union have either an Ex Officio or a Moral right and privilege to excommunicate a single Democrat from the Party; Nor can they do it. Moreover We the People think that our Champions might with Justice rebuke the Administrators as did Bonaparte the French Directory on his return from Egypt— Said he to them, "I left you Victory, I find you defeated; I left you respected, feared and triumphant, I find you abased, dishonored, and contemptible." But to return to the Object of this Communication— Nothing will be so gratifying to your Old and faithful friends here, and perhaps nothing so necessary to the success of Our party in the coming Contest of the Fall & the Winter, as your presence amongst us on the 5th of July. Should You resolve to be here or if you determine the reverse, please send me word at your earliest convenience.

Yours Respectfully

Allen Hill
J. H. Geiger

G H Seeger
Beardstown
Ill. H.

Sabanos Pa.

June 4, 1858.

Dear Sir,

Several months since I respectfully addressed you in reference to the additional volumes of the Pacific Rail Road Survey Report, and sincerely hope you will pardon me for again addressing you on the same subject.

During my connection with the Interior Department under Genl Pierce's Administration, and kindly favored me with the first volume of the above report, and I do not conceal my anxiety in having any of the additional numbers printed which you may have for distribution. I am exceedingly anxious to have the compliment to the set, and will be under lasting obligations if you be kind enough to favor me with the additional numbers, which you shall be thankfully received and hope some future period of opportunity may present itself wherein I can acknowledge the same.

Your course on the Kansas question meets with general approval among the Democracy of this County, and will say in advance that Lebanon Co in 1860, will give a good account of herself, by instructing her delegates to the State Convention, to cast her vote for Stephen A. Douglass, as the next Democratic

(Sent to Mr. C. C. Jones 8/58)

Send me one of each

and Anti Secompton candidate for the Presidential chair,
the course adopted by the present Administration is
condemned in toto by the Democracy of this County.

I thank you for the kindrops you bestowed in
sending me your great speech on the Secompton Constitution.
I have read and reread the same, and only regret
you have not sent a number of them through the
County, if you will cause to be sent to my address
a quantity of the speeches I will gladly distribute
them.

In conclusion allow me again to express the
hope that you will give my request a favorable considera-
tion and cause to be sent to my address the additional
volumes of the Pacific Rail Road Survey Report, by
your kind attention to the same you will greatly oblige

Very Respectfully
J. A. Shindell

Hon. H. A. Bayliss }
U. S. Senate }
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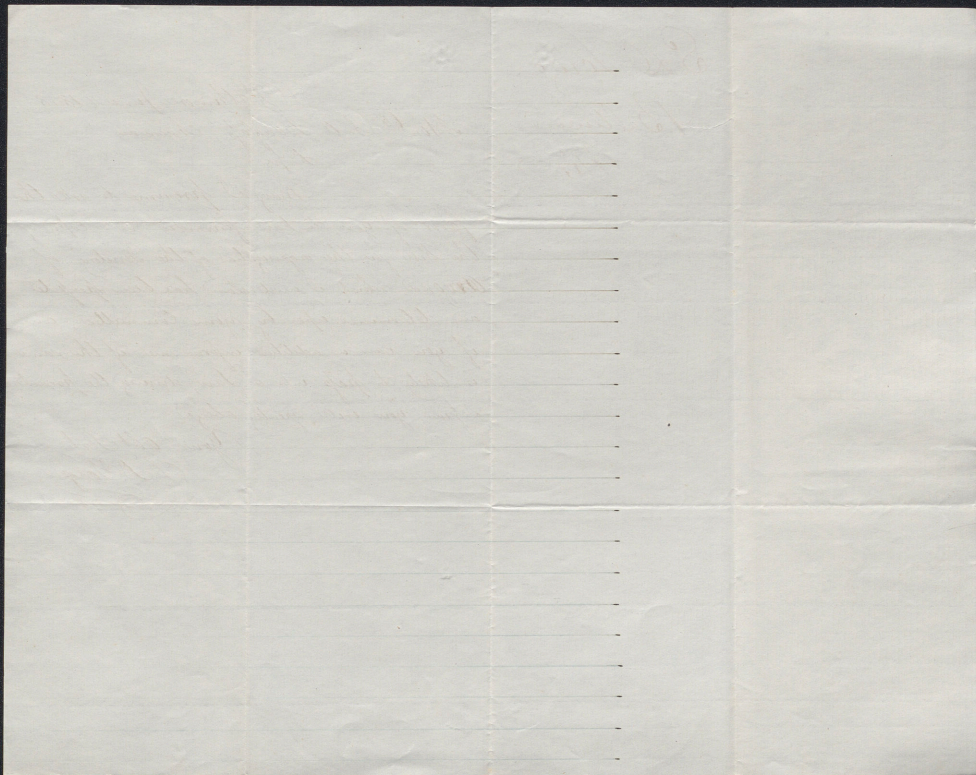
J. A. Shindell
Sebanon, Pa.

S L Long
 Baltimore
 Md.

Baltimore, Jan^y 4 1853
 Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglass, Chairman
 Sir

May I presume to ask the
 favor of you, to have forwarded me a copy of
 the Bill for the organization of the Territory of
 Arizona, which I understand has been perfected
 and determined upon by your Committee, and
 if you can, in addition, inform me if the same
 is likely to pass into a Law, during the present
 session, you will greatly oblige

Your obt^{servt}
 S L Long



Chicago June 4th 1858
 Hon S A Douglass
 Washington

Being aware
 that each Senator has Twenty
 Copies of the "Military Commission"
 to Europe I write you to
 get one of them if you can
 consistently with your plans for
 their disposal send me one
 I am 1st Lieut of the Chicago
 Light Guard of this city. at present
 we have no Capt he resigned
 quite lately. You may know that
 we are a very passable Volunteer
 Corps. The book I want for the
 Library of the Company and will
 present it in your name to them
 of course if you have disposed of your
 quota. You will not trouble yourself
 Very respectfully

Yours
 (over) Philip Madworth

(Copy)

Washington City

June 9th 1858.

Judge Douglas sends, by
this days mail "McClelland's
Report on the Armies of Europe"
which you wrote for.

The Judge thinks there
are other military works to be
obtained here, and has directed
that search be made.

We will have them,
as this, sent to your address
for the Library of the Chicago
Light Guard Co.

June 10. 1858. — Sent Hardie's Light
Infantry Tactics — obtained from War
Dept.

June 25/58. Smithsonian Reports, 1856.)
— " — Japan Exposition — Vol. 2. —
July 15/58 Manual of Small arms See from Gd. off.

Philip Madworth
St. Ch. Light House
Chicago June 4/58.

Wantsbooks for
Library

