

Dear Sir -

As a friend of ~~our~~ Country and its interests, I beg to call your attention, ~~to~~ in case it should not have been turned to the subject, ~~and~~ nothing which the Journals Report of what has transpired in Congress leads me to think that it has - to the change in the relative position of this Country towards Great Britain, in the event of war, since the introduction of Steam ~~as~~ a motive power on the Ocean - England holds at present a vast majority of the Oceanic Isles, and by reason of her greater Naval resources, or rather her actual naval armaments may ~~be~~ if it be for her interest get possession of all - Thus she has, or may have all the Coal Depots of the world - Now it is certain that a small Propeller, properly armed, by reason of her position she may take in reference to a line of Dante - Ship like our Ohio, Peru, Giovanni or

any vessel not propelled by steam-power,
would be more than a match for ~~the~~^{her} ~~the~~
this old-fashioned class of ships ~~is~~ therefore
useless - But your Propeller or other steam
vessel, as against England is worthless
or may be compared to a lifeless body,
~~without coal~~ ^{unless} provided with the means
of getting a supply of fuel - If a war
break out whence is the supply of this ~~open~~
-heat article to be derived - for I refer of course
to destroyer operations which the position of our Commerce calls for - for the defence of the Coast and even
ours very respectfully,
Amos Pattee.

Coal the inferior motive answer

P.S. any anonymous letter is I believe warranted
^{where} ~~where~~ as in this case, it intends to cause
harm to no one -



The Honorable - Douglas

United States Senator
Washington

1858 ?

Cheney
New York

Ottawa Ill June 8/88

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Your kind
 favor of the 31st ult enclosing a certificate
 of Pension for my Father has been rec^d
 My Father desires me to return to you his
 most sincere thanks for your influence so
 kindly exerted in his behalf, further he desires
 me to say he shall be happy at any time
 to reciprocate the favor, you also have
 his thanks for Public Documents.
 I permit me for myself to thank you for
 Pub Documents.

Very Respectfully &c
 Wm. H. Purteson
 Wm

Geo H Burleson
Ottawa, Ill.
June 8. 1858.

Acknowledges
pension Certificate
for his father

Green Hill 1892

Mr. J. B. Hughes
Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the land for the purpose of the establishment of a school for the colored people of the county. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to secure the land for the purpose of the establishment of a school for the colored people of the county. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to secure the land for the purpose of the establishment of a school for the colored people of the county.

Very respectfully,
J. B. Hughes

5947-1

Tabor Hawk & Co
Chicago. Ill.

Sealed

"Richmond House"
Chicago June 8th 1858

Hon^{ble}
S^r Douglas.

Dear Sir

On your next
visit to Chicago we shall
be pleased to see you
at our house. Our location
is a good one for the summer
season, and our house is
not surpassed by any other
in point of elegance and
comfort.

Yrs Respy

Tabor Hawk & Co

Sept

1844

1844

1844

1844

1844

1844

1844

RICHMOND HOUSE.

CHICAGO,

Corner of South Water Street and Michigan Avenue.

TABER, HAWK & CO.,

J. TABER,
S. HAWK,
E. D. TABER

PROPRIETORS

5947-2

5948-1
Mr Hawkins.
Starkstown
Addison Co. Vt.
June 8, 1858.

Wants information
relative to location
Loc. of certain land
in Addison Co. Vt.

Starkstown, Addison Co. Vt.
June 8th 1858)
Hon S. A. Longlop.

Sir

I take the
liberty of writing you, for infor-
-mation on 2 points - 1st as
to the name of the town in Genia
County Illinois - No 11th W. 12 7 east
- I have an interest in 160 acres of
land in such a township in
Genia County - that was patented
by the U. S. States in 1817, to one
Daniel Bennett, a soldier of
the war of 1812 - I do not know
the name of the town -

2 Is land patented as this was
subject to taxation & sale for
taxes by the laws of Congress or the
State of Illinois -

I enclose herewith a letter

from the General Land Office
from which you will ~~learn~~
discover what I want

Respectfully yours &c

A. M. Hancock



General Land Office.
May 6th 1858.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st Inst., with affidavits enclosed, and in reply have to inform you that it appears from our "Military Files & Records" that War of 1812 Manumission of 5965 for 160 acres, issued for the services of Daniel Bennett a Private in Comings' Company "11th Regt. U. States Infantry," was located and carried into Patent Oct 16. 1817 on the N. W. 1/4 S. 1. T. 11 N. R. 7 E. Illinois.

These premises are situated in "Peoria County," of which "Peoria" is the County Seat.

Among the papers filed in the case, is a Power of Attorney from Daniel Bennett to Joseph Watson, of date Oct 23. 1816, acknowledged before Legge Robinson, a Justice of the Peace of Chittenden County, Vermont. This fact identifies the party represented by you.

Enclose you herewith, a Certified Copy from the Records, of the above mentioned Patent.

Yours
Very Respectfully,
Sam'l O. D. Smith
Elizabeth
Conn. 1840



A. W. Hawkins, Esq.
Starkboro,
Addison Co.
Vermont.

Brook River June 8th 1858

Wm L A Douglas

On my arrival at my home a few days ago, I found a package of your very excellent and able speeches and one copy of Pat Office Report of 1856 for which please accept my warm thanks, I have also expected the letter with the vice called for, but I have not received it the reason I know not. Our opponents are very hard at work, Bagg our newly appointed post master has called an extra convention of this county to send delegates to meet at the state convention at Springfield tomorrow, but there were but a few in attendance, and I think if we manage our parts properly, we need have no fears. I have been out among the Germans and Irish all last week, have had several good meetings and I shall keep at work until after election, I can assure you that our cause is gaining very fast, after explaining to the people your acts and motives on the popular sovereignty cause they give you their hearty approbation, The administration party have several foreign agents at work from the East but that is no help to them. J. J. Grand is to come on as I learn. I In my last I have requested aid to bear expenses &c &c. of which I have not heard any thing, I am in hopes you will not hesitate in sending it for as I said before my own means are not able to defray all matters necessary, I hope you will send me about 100 to 150 Dollars and some more specie for than that you have sent me I distributed

among the people and are all read with
great considerations and feeling tending to do
much good.

I hope I have not intruded on your valuable
time. I therefore subscribe myself your
most humble servant. I have wrote to you
in my last that I am one of our first leading
men in the Town of Rock Run I am Justice of
the peace, Do not frank your letter I am afraid
the letter might be opened by Buchanan P.M.
to pry into secrets. I have had thoughts sometimes
that you had sent me a letter and that they
never hand me the same, therefore I think
it best not to frank it, and address it to
me at Freeport

Yours &c

Thomas Wallach

Freeport

Stephenson Co
Ill.

Notified of Judges De departure
for the west June 28/38

Thos Wallach
Freeport, Ill.

6-8

Milton McLelland
Pittsburg, Pa.

Pittsburgh June 8/58
Edw A Douglass

Dear Sir
If you will pardon this trespass
on your time, I would say by
your permission, that I would be
under a great obligation, if you
would find it convenient to
send me Vols VI & VII PRR Report
- or if not possible, that of Major
Emory on the "U.S. & Mexican
Boundary". Please accept my
thanks for several of your most
eloquent speeches.

I remain with the most
Respectful Consideration
Yours Truly

Milton McLelland



1881

1881

Wm Osborn

Ashland,
Chic.



5950

Ashland, Ashland Co. Ohio
June 8. 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

The Fair of the Ash-
land Co. Agricultural Society will be
held at this place on the 22nd, 23rd &
24th days of September next, and from a
great desire existing in this Section of
our State to hear you, we have ventured
to invite you to address on that occasion.

Although but a country fair, the
number in attendance is ^{usually} very large.

Hoping that a visit to this portion
of the country might not be devoid
of interest to yourself, and to hear
from you an acceptance of this in-
vitation,

I remain

Yours &c, &c,

William Osborn
Secy,



Wm. L. G.
New York
N.Y.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named subject. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the examination. I have, however, no objection to your making such further examination as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
Wm. L. G.

Round Grove Whitewater Co. W.
June 8th 1858

Hon. W. A. Douglas
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

If you will
send me the latest report of
the commissioner of patent on
Agriculture you will very much oblige
me.

Yours truly
W. H. Emerson

(Agricult. Sent June 12/58)

J. H. Simonsen
Round Grove
Hes.

40
may

Jas Haddock Smith
Columbus, Ohio.

✓
6-8

5952
Private Columbus Ohio
May June 1858
Mr Stephen A Douglas -
Dear Sir -

If it be
in your power to put
through the electoral bill,
whereby Col. Medary
can be appointed to the
Governorship, I think
the result would be of
advantage to you in this
State, and I am very
sure it would be
so to your friends here.
I am writing in too great
haste to explain the
reason, but as I mean
to run up to Cleveland
in your schooner, so as
in order to have the

Pleasure of seeing
you, I will replace
them -

In haste & love
Respectfully,
Jas. Haddock Smith.

Why do we not get
your speech on your
war bill?

Illinois College.

Jacksonville Ill^{to}

June. 8th 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Dear Sir.

The Public Documents
which you so kindly sent to the Library belonging
to the Sig-ma-Pi Society, (Illinois College) have
been duly and thankfully received and the
Society embraces the present method of
sending to you their humble thanks
for your generous donation.

Yours with respect.

Wm. Tindall

Corresponding Secretary of
Sig-ma-Pi Society

To Hon Stephen A Douglass

Washington

D. C.

Wm. W. Laidall
Jacksonville
Fla.





[Faint, illegible handwritten text visible through the paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. The text appears to be organized into several lines and paragraphs, with some words like "Company" and "of" being partially discernible.]

New York June 14th 1858

Hon Stephen H. Douglass

Dear Sir

Having a
great desire to obtain the photographs
of the most-distinguished Men of the
United States I will consider myself
under obligations if you will enclose the
enclosed paper. By so doing you will confer
a favor on

Your Humble Serv^t

Frank V. Whitney

Frank Whitney

New York,

June 8, 1858

Gaston Pa. June 9, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Having commenced making a collection of Autographs, of the Eminent Men of the United States, I should be very happy to place Yours among the same.

Please answer this and oblige

Yours,

Josephus Syms.



Josephus Layan
Easton. Pa.



Concord N. H.

June 9. 1858.

Dear Sir,

I have delayed too long
to acknowledge the pleasure & instruction,
which I have derived from the public
documents sent to me under your
frank. I thank you most sincerely.

// I am persuaded that the wisdom
of your course upon the Kansas question
will ultimately be made manifest to
every section. You have seen a well known
man in this region of the country for
some months, but it has been accomplished

under the guise of a series of far-seeing
Disunionists, who have ever magnified
themselves into the belated representatives
of the South. Unfortunately, owing to the
habits of our people, their indifference
to public affairs & the scarcity of news-papers,
these extremists, even active & domineering,
are too frequently suffered to carry things
all their own way; while really there is a
"great gulf" between them & our masses. It takes
a much longer time for the merits of a
public question to reach our people than
it does, if I am not mistaken, in
some other parts of the Republic. But the

"Second Order-Thought" does come after while;
and in your case it is coming every day.

If Kansas should return into Congress,
you will have the sympathy of thousands
here in your effort to settle the whole
subject upon the basis of popular right
& of public honor -

I am, my dear Sir,
Very faithfully
Yours W. F. Hunt.
Walter L. Burleigh.

Victor Barnige
Concord
M^e.

✓

6-9

Chicago Ill
 Feb 9th 1858

Dear Sherman

I have ^{not rec'd} a letter
 from you since my
 return from Washington.
 And believe I had not
 written you. Consequently
 have no complaints to
 make.

|| We are extremely
 anxious to know what
 course the administration
 intend to pursue, now
 that the Secumpton fraud
 is settled. Cass, Lusk
 and Carpenter. State
 that they are instructed
 by the administration to
 defeat Judge Douglas

for reelection to the
United States Senate. it
seems incredible to me
that the administration
intends to persecute so
succesful a career. it all
exposes the federal office
holders and takes that
career, which is an
indication that it is
true. it all important
that we should be immedi-
ately informed with re-
gard. (if it is possible to
ascertain) to the intention
of the administration. if
they want to make man-
men it is, it is high
time ~~and~~ the fact is known.

The Judges Enemies
and Thwart at work I
do not think they can
effect much. ~~by~~

they may possibly be fab-
ricating dangerous ~~new~~ position
in which they are very
actively engaged in at
this time

I am exceedingly
anxious about ~~Red~~ Fry;
I am well aware that the
President has sent in Stratten
names, but how soon
doubts whether the Senate
confirms him. I would
give ~~for~~ \$5000 if he should
be rejected or ~~his~~ withdrawn.
I should not the least doubt
but that it would be for
the judges interest to have
him. (Fry) removed. the
old man is poor. which
fact creates a great deal
of sympathy for him.
Tell me what is going
on not only in politics

but anything that will
interest me. I am old
am sure friends get
along. I suppose Mr
D when at Nash —
visited them of course
he did. and you and
Murray went with him
of course you did —
I long to believe that
I should be glad to
see you from him.

My kind regards
to all friends

Very truly your friend
William Price

New York
Chicago
June 9. 1855


 C. Van Rensselaer jr
 Burlington
 N.J.

Burlington New Jersey

June 9th '58

To the

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Sir,

Will you please to send
to me a copy of your
Minority Report upon the
Kansas question.

I am

Yours very respectfully

C. Van Rensselaer jr

Hon. S. A. Douglass
 Washington City

Burlington
 New Jersey



5959
G Van Pelt
Lisbon, Mo.

Lisbon June 9th 1859
Wm A Douglas

Please send me a few
of your Leampton speeches
and greatly Oblige

G Van Pelt

P. M.
Lisbon Kentucky
60
ill

Text Agr. Ref.

P. J. ...

Pleasant Plains June 7th 1853



Mr Douglas Dear Sir
will you please send me
the report of the Pacific
Railroad

Yours Truly
David P. Whigam
Pleasant Plains
Surgeon Major
U.S.A.

(Sent Coast Survey)

David Whigham
Pleasant Plains.
Ill.