

West Hopkinton June 12 1858 N^o 98
Hon Sir

I Write to you to beg of you the
kinde favour of a Friend to
receive from you the Report of
the Mechanics of 1857 or if not
Printed I would be pleased to
receive one of 1856, for I feel ^{ext}an inter-
est in the welfare of Mechanick and
Agriculture of our Country
For I consider them the two first steps
towards the welfare and Prosperity
of our Country.

For this kinde favour I would bestow
you thank and wish you the blessings
of him who rules the universe
guides and directs us

Your most Obt. Servant

To S A Douglas	} William Clough West Hopkinton Merimaack Co N. H.
Washington	
D. C.	

Wm Clough
West Hopkinton
N.H.

R. F. Dixon
Nixon. Ill.

Dixon Ill
June 12. 1858

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 10th inst. at hand, The 6th vol. of "Pacific R. R. Survey" is recd. and I herewith tender you, my thanks for the same -

You have been very kind in sending me these favors, and I am at a loss to know how to repay your kindness in so doing -

I offer in return my best wishes and regards to you - I should have liked very much to have had the first four vols. of the Survey, if they have not all been distributed, in order to have a set complete -

Very truly Yours,

R. F. Dixon





Lobby Hall
June 12

New London N.H.

Respected Sir,

As I am at present
making a collection of autographs
I should esteem it a great favor
to receive yours

Yours very truly

Isaac Thosdike Hunt.

New London
N.H.

Israel T. Shatt.
New London
N.H.

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Then Stephen A. Douglass
Washington
D.C.

Ypsilanti Mich. June 12th 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

I should like very much to have you send me some of your speeches as I wish to distribute them.

Very respectfully Yours

W. J. Ledyard
Box 232.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

W T Sedgwick
Ypsilanti
Mich

Wilton June 12th 1858

Hon Mr Douglas

Dear sir

I would be much obliged if you
would send me the two last years
Mechanics Report and I will try
to read and gain instruction from
it

Yours Truly

Wm Wallace Morse

{ Sent March } Please Direct to
{ June 20/58 } Malta DeKalb County
Illinois

Wm Wallace Morse

Malta, Ill.

June 12, 1858,

Wm. M. M. M. M.

B. Powell
Beallsville
Ohio.



Beallsville, Ohio.

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June 12th 1851.
Hon. S. A. Douglass;

I take the liberty
of making a request of you, which I
trust you will excuse. I would like
to obtain the first Vol. of the Pacific
Railroad Survey. If you will pro-
cure it for me, I will remember
you for it. I am a young man, and
depending entirely upon my own exertions
for my support. &c. I am collecting
all the books I can procure, with the
view of forming them into a library if
am so fortunate as to be able to
accomplish my object. I have had
the 3^d Vol. of that ^{work} presented to me
by a M. C. so you will see from the
above why I ask the favor. If you will
favor me with any ^{work}, I shall esteem it
as a particular favor; and should the
opportunity ever be presented, will endeavor
to reciprocate it.

You are aware that it is difficult for
an Absent person to get hold of any
documents of importance, however
much they may deserve them. I
hope you will overlook my absence
and the fact of my not being a con-
stituent of yours, and supply me
with such doc. as you may feel
inclined to furnish me with.

You, did sometime since belong
to Illinois; that State, however, has
no longer the few single titles &c.,
but by your able opposition to the
Secumpton scandal have become
the proper of the nation.

Direct
B. Powell,
Beallsville
Monroe Co.
Ohio.

P.S. Can Perry's Japan Expedition
be obtained among the N. Co's?

Geo M Schmidt
Lother
Pleasantville
Ind^a

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Pleasantville Shelby Co Indiana
Decr 12th 1858.
To the honorable Senator S. A. Douglas
Sir please oblige
me for taking the liberty and
trouble Your honor with a few
lines But excuse me for
not to do any better in writing
I am German and had no
Education in english. But
I can read and english so
well as German and is as good
many other man here in the
place would like to have same
time a good anti Secompton
speech to read we have a
Democratic majority here but
we are opposed to Secompton
believing popular sovereignty
is old Democracy.

we would like to read same
time a little tiffend speeches
we have no body in Senate to send
us same time a Copy but Mr
Chesse Bright and not everybody
just agree at all time with him
at this present period.

If Your honor would be so kind
to send us few copy or hand
this letter to a Senator or Congress
member to send us same time
a few we would be gratefully oblige
for Your kindness hope this
few lines will not disaterosfing
Your honor.

Your obedient servant
George M. Whinnett.

few Names C. Anderson C. V. Gould

C. Smith. Thinsly Smith.

A Humbach George Hickman

C. Farish. D. W. Dougal.

M Case. C. Canard.

J. P. Crockett
Freeport, Me.

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Bulletin Office

Freeport Me, June 12/88

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir—

Please accept my
thanks for your note of the 7th inst, and for the
3d vol Pacific R.R. Survey, which arrived this
morning. You ask me to state what vols. I
have. Of Japan, I have only the second vol.
Of Pacific R.R. survey, I have vols 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Of Coml. Relations, 4 vols. Of Colonial Trade,
none. I would like to complete my sets of
Japan & Pacific R.R. Surv.

¶ As you are doubtless already aware, the
Bollers have held their convention, and made
new nominations. This course on their part
removes all doubt, if any before existed, as to
their motives, that they ^(the first & then) have been actuated
purely by personal hostility to yourself, I do
not question. That many of them have united

in the crusade against you "that thrift
may follow fawning," I know. The only del-
-egates in attendance from this county were
the redoubtable led Bagg, the recently ap-
-pointed Post Master ^{for the} St, and a Mr Wright, who
wants to be Post Master in a small village
in this county. After weeks of drumming,
they concluded it would not materially
advance their cause by holding a con-
-vention in this county, for they could hardly
muster force enough to make officers, and
therefore held no meeting. // I can assure
you, that you occupy a higher place in
the affections and confidence of the de-
-mocracy of this section to day, than you
have ever before done. And I cannot
bring myself to believe that the democracy
of the State will suffer themselves to be
led away from their former allegiance
to principle merely to gratify the malice
of a few whose ambitious grasping for
office was disappointed by you. We will

have to meet those disorganizers, however, and I desire to be as thoroughly posted as possible. Their arguments (?) will consist in denunciation of your course the past winter. And, as I wrote before, I would like to have the votes of Senators on the measures, specially recommended by the President in his message. I think they may be used to good purpose in stopping the mouth of those who are "howling" after you. Anything you can send me which can be used to advantage in the present campaign will be thankfully received.

I forgot to say that the vels of the Pacific
R.R. Lumber, I had before received were bound
in half calf - that is with calf backs. The 3d vol
you sent is in muslin, and does not match
very well.

Yours truly
J. R. Scroggs

(Sent vols 1. & 2 L'Appendix. Con: & Globe
1 L² Sep. 34 Cong. L¹ Vol. 1 L'App: 5^o
Sep 34 Cong. June 1858.)

Vernon Seaman
Bible Mills
York Co. Va.

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How S. A. Douglas // When you
& your esteemed fellow
Citizen Gov Wise of our
noble state took such
a firm & decided stand
upon the "Kansas Question"
my feelings & sympathies
were all with you &
I feel that your
autographs placed side
by side, would do
honor to my already
large, but select col-
lection. — & would be
worthy in every sense
of the term. — A short
time ago I received
Gov Wise's in compliance
with my request, — May
I soon have the pleas-

are of placing yours near
it? — Hoping that your
future may be as bright
as your past course, I
am yours truly.
Wm. B. Egan.

Rippon Hall.
near Biglers Mills
York Co. Pa.
June 12 - 1858.

Lebanon Pa. June 12. 1858

Respected Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the sixth volume of Pacific R.R. Report, as well as a number of your reports & speeches in the House, questions, for which I return you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for this manifestation of your kindness, rest assured Sir, I shall hold you in grateful remembrance with the hope and expectation to reciprocate the same some future day.


In future I shall be greatly obliged to be the recipient of any document you may be pleased to send me, with the assurance that the same shall be highly prized, and if you could possibly send me the additional numbers of the above report, I shall be under every renewed obligations. I now have the 1st and 6th volumes.

Should you have an extra copy of Major Emory's Mexican Boundary Report, have the goodness to favor me with the same.

Hoping you are well, and with my best wishes for your future prosperity I am,

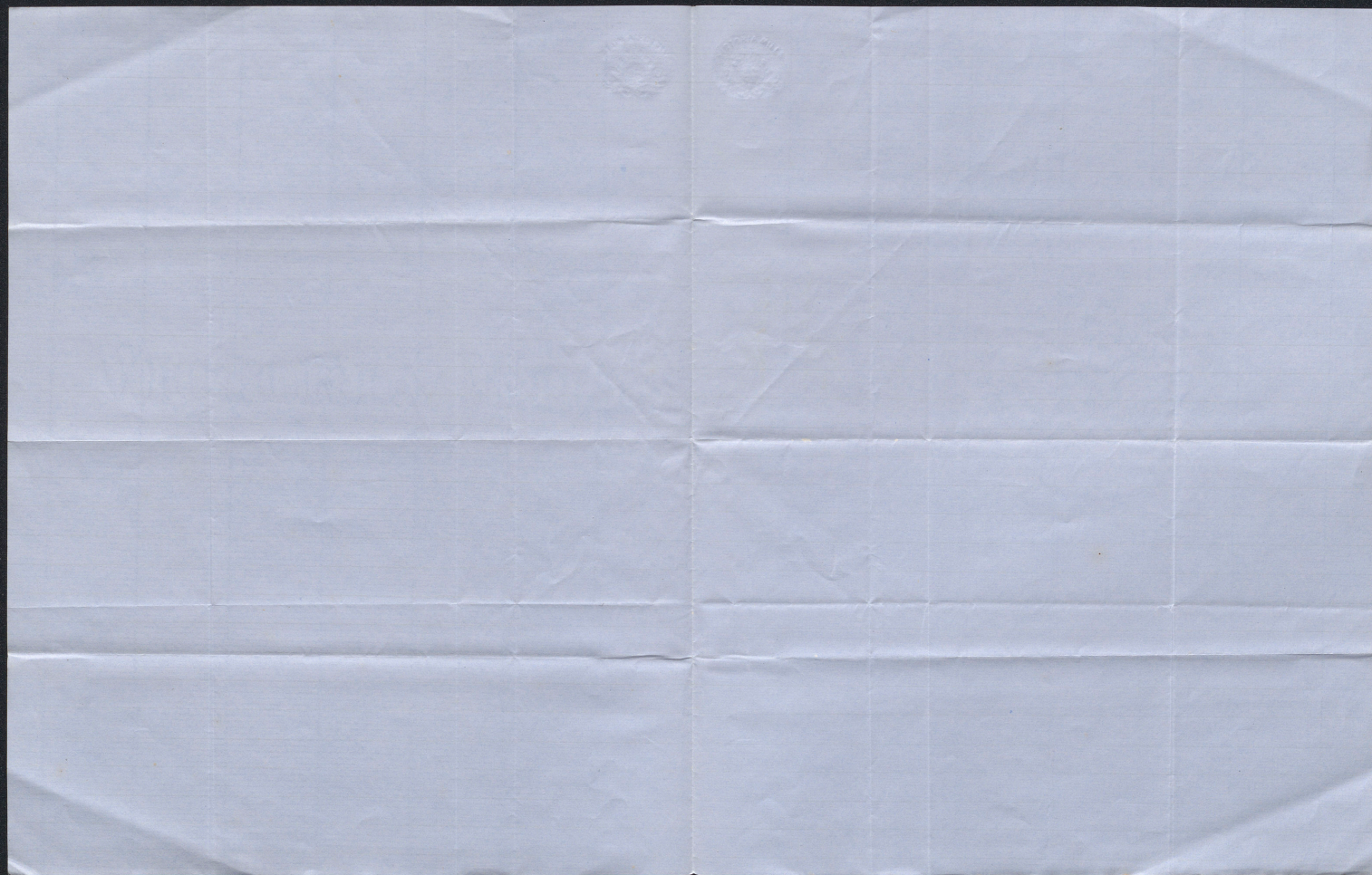
Very Respectfully
Jacob A. Thibault

Sen. S. Bayliss }
U.S. Senate }



Jacob A. Schindler
Salem
Pa.

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Andover, Mass June 11/58

Amored Sir,

You would gratify me much if you would send to my address any speeches that you may have to spare. I am very anxious to obtain all I can and hope you will answer this soon.

And Believe me
to be Your Friend

A. Smith Jr
Andover
Mass

Son

S. A. Douglass
Washington
D.C.

A. J. Smith Jr
Andover, Mass.

(Sent April 1856.
the later)

Marseilles June 12/58

Mr J A Douglas

Dear Sir

I embrace this opportunity
to write you wishing you to
send me the last report of
the Commissioners on Patents
I have the other reports and
they not proving to be what
I needed I write you feeling
you will not think it too
much trouble to forward
me the desired report

I remain as ever your
sincere friend & well wisher

J J Thurber

Marseilles

Lasalle Co

W.A.

A. J. Thuermer
Marseille
Als.

Galesburg June 13th 1858

Hon. A. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

The College
Society of old Knox
have given you an
invitation to address
them at their com-
-mencement exercises
on the 24th you will
receive the invitation
as you receive this.
I will be a short notice
to you I know, but
I write this to urge
you if possible to come.
Your presence here

on such an occasion
(and for such a pur-
pose in view of the
bitter hatred heretofore
existing against you
as a politician in the mind
of those who control
the affairs of Knox
College, will do more
towards bringing back
those democrats who
left our party on the
passage of the "Nebraska
Bill" than all efforts
we can make at home
combined. And then

of course you would
not leave us until
you gave us a talk
on Leecompton, which
would do more still.
in fact it is the opinion
of your friends in
this vicinity that your
presence here in the capacity
which you will come (and
you tarry with us a few
days upon such an
occasion, may even con-
tribute so much towards
the success of those great
(and eternal principles of
popular sovereignty and self
government for which

you have so nobly (and)
manfully battled in the
present session of Congress
against an administration
which you helped to elect.
That the result might be
that the man who shall
represent us in the next leg-
islature before he could receive
the suffrages of even old
Know, heretofore supposed
to be irretrievably lost will
have to pledge himself to
the people that he will
vote for your return
to the U. S. Senate. Hoping
that you can (and) will
come I remain
Yours in the right
Geo. W. Ford

Wm. W. Ford
Salem, Mass.

Wapella Court Co Ills June 13 1838.

Mr Stephen A Douglas sir after mi respects
to you the Cause of me a ritery to you is
th i want you to find out for me if you
can the Captain and Company that John Hazlett
sere in in mrailo he volentierd in st louis mo
the last solders that went out to mexico
and died in mexico and i want you to find
out if you can the Captain and Company and
Colonel if you please and i wil be mos
oblig to you and if can find out let me
no and and if you cant let me no
and oblige me Joseph Hazlett to

Stephen A Douglas

(Deute Agil Rep)

Joseph Hazlett
Happello
De Witt Co
June 13/58. Ill's

Assured the name
of Capt. & Col, under
whom Soldier served
must be given, before
desired information
can be obtained.
July 20th 1858

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Brevoort House, New York June 13th

My dear Sir,

I feel mortified & chagrined to perceive
that the Reprisals Bill was not introduced, as
I understood you aimed to, & as I preferred you
would do to any other man in Congress, because
I knew if you felt any interest in it, you had
the ability to convince those too lazy to investigate
it of its propriety & necessity as a general
measure of public policy, to stand in the
Statute Books for all time, as have the
English Statutes of the Edward & Henry, & the
French Ordinances of Marine of the 17th Century
& of 1681, from which this Bill has been
framed. It is a mere formula for the
Execution of the Laws of Nations, & to impel
the Executive" as Lord Chief Justice Campbell says
Honble J. A. Douglas

in reference to the English Statute, "to do its
duty to the subject" for I frankly confess
to you, that if you should ever be President,
(as from my observation & Experience ~~the~~ as to all
Governments, all parties, in nine times out
of ten there is a disposition in that branch of
the Govt to temporize & shuffle in such cases,
at the expense of the citizen, unless some party
or personal Capital may be made out of the case.)
I would rather have this Bill than
be without it!

I have looked over the Bill carefully
since my return. I find it approved
of by the most intelligent Merchants &
Lawyers. I send you a copy with
some important corrections & amendments
in detail suggested by legal gentlemen to
perfect it. Now, for God's sake, introduce

This Bill thus amended, on leave, ask
for it to be printed & postpone it till next
Session. It will then be before the country
for discussion & I promise it shall be fully
discussed & backed at the commencement
of next Session by thousands of signatures to
Memorials. It is a peaceful remedy
Somewhat, I admit, after Mrs Calhoun's "peaceful
remedy" of Nullification, but it is still a new
undiscovered remedy under the lex gentium.
The Amendments are regarded as important
the style of the "State Department" is Department of State.

A foreign Govt cannot be made a Defendant
ex nomine, in a District Court. [See U.S. Constitution]
The legal details about Appeals of the other
amendments you will see the propriety of
at once
If the Bill is printed, I shall get Wendell
to print me Extra Copies for distribution with Petitions

Now pray get this in + let it go out
before the counting -

Truly Yours

H. J. Sanford

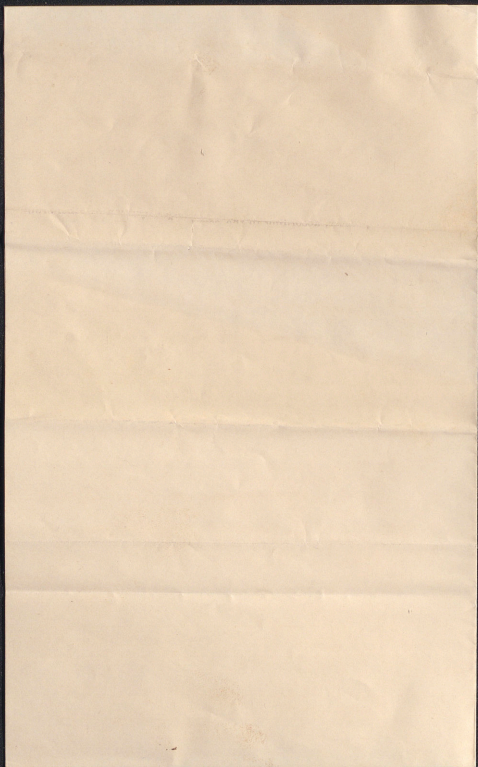
H. J. Sanford
(Secretary
in Senate)

H. J. Sanford
New York.

June 13, 1858.

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an act to ~~repeal~~ obtain satisfaction for outrages
 on the flag & citizens of the United States & to authorize ^{Special}
 action of ~~Reparation~~ in times of peace for redress of
~~citizens of the United States~~ in certain cases
 That in cases of flagrant violation
 of the Laws of Nations by outrages upon
 the flag, or soil of the or citizens of the
 United States, or upon their property,
 under circumstances requiring prompt
 redress, & where, in the opinion of the
 President, delay would be incompatible
 with the dignity honor & integrity of
 the United States. The President is
 hereby authorized to employ ~~such~~ such
 force as he may deem necessary
 to ^{obtain} ~~procure~~ just redress & satisfaction, &
 he shall ^{at the earliest practicable moment} ~~report the facts~~ ^{all} lay the facts
~~with~~ of the case before Congress for
 its action in the premises



AN ACT

Respecting Special Letters of Reprisal in times of peace for redress of citizens of the United States.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.* That whensoever, in any case in which by the Laws of Nations, the Government of the United States may rightfully issue Letters of Special Reprisal to obtain redress and satisfaction for any citizen or citizens of said United States from any other Government, the ~~State~~ Department shall require the claimants to file a written memorial therefor in said Department, setting forth the nature of the claim, and also to file in said Department as full proofs thereof as the nature of the case will permit. ~~Said~~ memorial to be verified by the oath of said claimants.

SEC. 2. That whensoever the President of the United States is satisfied that the case presented is one in which the claimants are entitled to such remedy, and that the same should be resorted to, he shall cause said memorial and proofs to be transmitted by the ~~State~~ Department to the Court of Claims, established by the act entitled "an act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States," approved February 24, 1855, in order that said court may summarily investigate said case and ascertain and report to said Department an estimate of the true and just amount of damages or debt which said parties may be entitled to.

SEC. 3. That said court be, and the same is hereby invested with authority and jurisdiction to make such investigation and report in the manner aforesaid, and to that end to examine the claimants on oath, and to require the production by them of such documents and other evidence as may be in their power to produce, and also authorised to issue commissions to take such testimony and compel witnesses to testify, as in other cases before said court, under such regulations as may be deemed proper to effect justice.

SEC. 4. That upon the report of said court being made to the ~~State~~ Department and the return to it of the papers relating to said case, it shall be the duty of said Department to issue and cause to be delivered a *Lettre de Requête* to the Go-

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and all the papers relating thereto, or copies thereof duly certified.

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Said Court

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 venment against which the claim is preferred, according to the Law of Nations, and designating a reasonable time for the just satisfaction of said claim: Provided, however, that in any case wherein by the stipulations of a subsisting treaty, other or additional acts and proceedings are required, such stipulations shall also be complied with.

Sec. 5. That if just satisfaction of such claim be not made on or before the day designated in said *Lettre de Requête*, or reasonable cause therefor shown and verified, ~~that~~ the President of the United States ~~shall~~ be authorized and empowered to issue in the name of the United States of America and under the great seal thereof, a Special Letter of Reprisal against the property and effects of the Government or State in default and of its subjects or citizens, according to the Law of Nations.

Sec. 6. That in all cases, said Letter of Reprisal shall be directed to a commissioned officer or officers of the Navy of the United States, and be executed by him or them with a public vessel or vessels of said Navy under such instructions as the President of the United States may direct.

Sec. 7. That upon the seizure of any property under and by virtue of such Letter of Reprisal, the same shall be forthwith brought into ~~some~~ port of the United States as may be ~~directed~~ *directed* in said Letters, and delivered into the custody of the Marshal of the United States of the district in which such port is situate, and thereupon, the District Attorney of the United States shall forthwith proceed, by libel in the name of the United States and said claimants in the District Court of the United States of such district, to effect the condemnation and sale thereof, in like manner as pursued under the practice and proceedings in Courts of Prize, according to the Laws of nations: And in all such cases, the Government or State against which said Letter is issued, as well as the known owners of said property, shall be named as ~~defendants~~ in such suit, and shall be allowed to appear and contest said claim, and also the liability of said property therefor.

Sec. 8. That before any Letters of Reprisal be issued and executed as aforesaid, the claimants at whose instance the same is issued shall be required by the ~~State Department~~ to enter into stipulation or caution, with good security, in such form as the President may direct, to pay all damages that may ensue from the execution of said writ to any parties, in case that on the trial of said cause in said District Court the claim upon which the same was issued, should appear by proofs adduced on said trial other than those adduced before the Court of Claims,

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to be unfounded, or that the amount claimed in said letter is exorbitant; a certified copy of which stipulation shall be annexed to said Letter of Reprisal.

Sec. 9. That the originals or certified copies of the papers and documents relating to said claim in the Department of State, and also said Letter of Reprisal shall be admitted as proof in said trial in said District Court, and if the judgment of said court shall be against such claimants and a decree of restoration be made to the defendants, said court shall estimate and assess the damages sustained by the defendants and enter summarily a judgment for the same upon said stipulation against the parties thereto, and award execution or other proper process, according to the course of such court, for the collection thereof, with costs for the benefit of said defendants.

Sec. 10. That upon the condemnation of any property seized by virtue of such letters of reprisal, the same shall be sold to satisfy the claim which may be adjudged to be due, together with all the costs and expenses resulting therefrom, and the costs of said suit; and the proceeds appropriated under the orders of said court to the satisfaction thereof, and the residue, if any, restored to the defendants.

Sec. 11. That the parties in said suit shall be entitled to appeals to the Circuit Court of the United States upon the same principles and whensoever, in case of similar amount, such appeals could be had in cases of prize.

Upon the final decree of Confirmation or restoration in such case, if from the decree awarding or refusing damages upon restoration of the property

and ultimate appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States

proof in said case before the Court of Claims or

and that said judgment, for failure to deliver said damages or any part thereof on such execution, may be obtained as satisfaction of the decree of said Court, and of said execution, if the proceeds of the sale of the property, in such other Court as may have jurisdiction, to be applied to satisfy the same: and in such case, said Court may, if it shall be so ordered, in its decree, award damages to the party in whose favor the judgment shall be rendered, to be paid to him or her, or to his or her assigns, as the Court may direct.

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I am exceedingly vexed to see the proceedings of the late Convention in Illinois. But it is the more important you should pass thro' Columbus, Dayton & Cincinnati. Don't fail: I have thrown out the hint, & you are expected. You can strengthen yourself & friends greatly. Write

Truly

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