Jerseyville. Jersey Co. June 25th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

By request of many of your political friends in this county we avail ourselves of this method of asking you if it would be consistent with your engagements for you to pay us a visit and address the people of this county at this town during the coming campaign and if so what would be the day selected by you we sincerely hope that you may be able accept our invitation for the believers in the people in this section are very anxious to see you and have you address them once more

Yours Friends Truly
Wright Casey
Wm Kneaffer

Wright Casey
& others
Jan 25/58.
An invitation
to visit Jersey
Ville. Jersey Co
Ills

Elisha Dyer
Providence
R.I.

Providence June 25th 1858

Dear Sir

Your Friend up has placed upon my desk (under your frank) a copy of your Remarks on the "State of Parties in Illinois" and for which, I am much obliged.

Very Respy Yours
Elisha Dyer

Wm Stephen A Douglas
U. S Senate.
Washington D.C.

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S. Francis,
Springfield
June 26/58

Sends invitation
to State Fair

Illinois State Agricultural Society,
Office Corresponding Secretary.

Springfield, June 25, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Dear Sir— The officers of the Illinois State Agricultural Society respectfully invite your attendance at their State fair, to be held in Centralia in September next.

Respectfully,
S. Francis, Cor.
Sec Ill. State Ag. Soc.

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Davenport June 25th 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir: // This has been a proud day for Iowa. Its Democracy are still found bearing aloft the banner, so gloriously emblagoned with the motto "Principles not men". In State Convention of the Democracy of Iowa, we nominated "Douglas or Anti Lecompton men" throughout. Our candidate for Congress, Hon W. E. Leffingwell of Lyons, is an avowed Anti Lecompton democrat, and the resolution offered in the State Convention endorsing James Buchanan and Geo W. Jones was tabled by over fifty-Majority — // Iowa has spoken in thunder tones against the temporizing policy of James Buchanan in sacrificing the principle of the Kansas Bill, to please the South. We feel proud of our position as Democrats — You may be assured, sir, that the longer and the more vigorously the Administration war upon you, the weaker it will become — Yours Truly Geo E Hubbell

Geo: E Hubbell
Davenport. Iowa
June 25. 1858.

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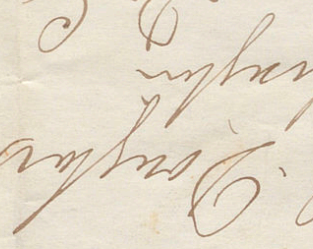

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington D. C.

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Baltimore June 25/58

Hon S A Douglas
Wash

Dr Sir

I have it would seem
the few past days been thanklessly Spending
time and money and laboured
industriously cautiously and
conscientiously in a good cause
and can assure you I had no
sordid motive to actuate me

I said or done very little
after I seen you at the Rail
Road Station before I consulted
several near friends of yours
who encouraged me to doo all
I did and encouraged me to
say all I said So far as you
are in any way implicated

Indeed I was cautious to go
no farther So far as you are
concerned than I was authorised
by you I E I said you
authorised me to say to the
friends of the Administration

"That there is no difficulty now in bringing about a Reconciliation if the leaders of the Administration will sustain the Ills Nominations"

And "That your Speech of 15th inst would shew your desire to conciliate and Strengthen the democracy of the Union" I said also that you in bold and unmistakable language disclaimed any and all kinds of affiliation favour or affection with Republican Men or Sems opposed to democracy and that you authorised me to to say to the friends of the Administration those were yours true Sentiments I was careful in every instance to State that my interview with you was only a few minutes but that you were well aware that I was anxious for Conciliation from the insipiency of the unfortunate disagreement and that I told you distinctly that I would do what would be in my feeble power to induce Conciliation Therefore I felt well convinced that your language to me was unquestionably and unqualifiedly sincere

So much so far as you are concerned I have done and no more As our interview was short and the subject of our Conversation of high importance and as I took an active part in a disinterested friendly manner advising you promptly I felt it due to me that you should advise me as to your approval or disapproval in reference to the use I made of the few words you Spoke to me at the Washington R R Station

I can assure you I submitted all I wrote to you (before this letter) to Several of your true

friends every one of whom appr-
oved of all I wrote I can say too
that I consulted Several of your
true friends in every move I made
So far as representing ~~your~~ your
language to me

Some hours after you left and
after I had seen Gov Bigler and a
few other leading Gentlemen from
whom I thought I learned enou-
gh to convince me that if it were
made manifest that you Seriously
desired to Conciliation and unan-
imity in the democracy of the Union
you had it in your power to effect
it — I found all your friends in
favour of it and found too
that Some influential Men who
are not warmly attached to you
who through policy would not
dare to oppose Conciliation but
would not encourage it Then
(late the evening you left) I learned
that your Father in law was near
you when you were taking to me
— I got a Hack to take me to See
him that I might learn from
him first whether he understood
your language to me as I did and
Second where letters or dispatches
would reach you Your Mother
in law who Seems to be a Lady of
Superior qualities handed me one
of your Speeches which I read the
next day with pleasure I wrote
my first letter to you before I read
your Speech With what I had

learned with what little you
said to me together with the
conciliatory tone of your speech
I felt inspired with hopes
humble as I am that I could
set the ball in motion that
would efficiently tend to do
much for the good cause of National
democracy I have been working
in my humble Sphere for the
cause thirty five years or rather
since I was able even to run
an errand consequently I felt
bound as an honest democrat
to do what seemed in my power
to do honorably I know that
your acquaintance personally
with me is limited You may
not unreasonably regard my
active interference and long
letters humble advice &c
unwarantable and it may
be but I have the presumption
to believe that you would
allow me a liberal margin

If you were well acquainted with me — I foresee some danger in interferance and was admonished by several of my democratic friends who I know are not your supporters that my interferance would incur the displeasure of several of my friends & do no good

Notwithstanding all that I done enough and learned enough to fully convince me that It is the anxious desire of nearly every intelligent sincere democrat in the Country to have "the hatchet buryed" I conceive too that with moderate reasonable and honorable Mutual concession That is due to the Democracy of the Nation The Party can be saved from defeat in 1860 I am under the apprehension that even a few weeks delay of compromise will produce a disorganisation and contaminating collusions with dangerous Isms that will be more disasterous than a one term defeat I never was nor I hope never will be a politician for sordid interest I have suffered some humiliation in my interferance as far as I have gone in this matter and I can assure you I feel deep humiliation in the screbeling I am doing now

I feel as I know thousands of honest democrats all over the Country feel That this democratic family quarrel can and ought to be promptly reconciled I have done and hope will do my duty honorably regardless of the respect or censure that may be awarded to me from any

quarter — I am under no obligations for any kind of political favour and trust I never will be

I hope you will be fully informed of the facts of my whole conduct in this matter and see that your "masterly inactivity" towards me was not merited

Humble as I am I hope you will find that I enlisted a powerful influence to enable you if you desire it to unite the party on easy honorable amicable terms Secretaries Floyd Thompson Brown & Black & the President I am credibly informed can be conciliated Biglow can the Union can nearly every prominent democrat in Washington will help if encouragement is given that you desire conciliation Those who do not desire it dare not oppose it if you give your true friends a reasonable chance to put your party and self in an amiable position

yours James May

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Manchester NH
June 25th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir.

Will You be so Kind
and obliging as to forward on to
my address Copies of Your late Speech
on the Subject of "Naval appropriations"
and "Illinois Politics." We feel an interest
in all these matters. I am endeavoring
to preserve a record of these documents
which may be Serviceable & interesting at
some future period.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Friend &
Obt Servt
D. L Perkins

K. S. Perkins

Manchester

N.H.

R W Burton
Washington.
Tazewell Co. Ills.
June 26. 1858.

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Washington June 26/58

Dear Sir

A Lot of Speeches found 3
their way to this office on the
Naval appropriation Bill
delivd in the Senate May 7/58

You will confer A Special
favor by forwarding at Least 200 to
this office :

The Political warfare begins to
wax warm. Its the first time that
history Records A candidate canvassing
for A Seat in the Senate before
the Legislature is chosen that appoints
Spotty or the Living Dog made
his debut in that capacity at
the Abolition convention at Springfield
Its hoped to be hoped such extraordinary
exertions may result like Mordica & Hamen
A Similar course was pursued in getting
the originally the renewal of the charter of
the united States Bank ~~[illegible]~~ before the
congress to stay Jackson which caused the overthrow

the contest in Tazewell will be strong
and If much is not done in it the
Representative will be lost. Your friends
are at work to get a paper in Pekin
to aid the cause our Editor is your
Personal friend but Timid of his patronage
a great defency for publick Speakers
will further operate on us and their
Ables popular as A Lawyer yet If
this paper can be got to take the
Stand the cause may yet prevail
by largly circulating facts and Speakers
among us the entire Ticket in this
county Succeeded 2 years Since except
Sherriff and that failed from his
locality we hope therefore to
be enabled to overcome Locality
for the Triumphant Success of A Democrat
our party is known to be fraud as
they work in the dark I here refer
to the Know nothings or americans and its So
easy for a coon to affiliate that I dread them

yet I truly hope our party may never
no never Stoop to conquer for
the victory thus Secured is worse than
open defeat there is honest
[illegible] Democrats even among
us that really desire the Success
of the Republican party yet
while they have a particle of
the true grit they cant be
bought nor intimidated but
may we not rely on the vacuum
being filled renegades from them
for really the cant escape in
Truth from no party.
You will please tender our
cordial respects to our Mutual
friend Judgy McCook and
accept assurance for yourself
of my cordial regard and
esteem

S A Douglas   R W Button P.M

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Grande De Tour Ogle Co Ill June 26/58

Honorable Sir Being desired by some of the Democrats of this vicinity to address you in regard to distribution of Democratic in this District I wish you to forward me as may of your Speeches as possible I have endeavered to stir up the Democrats here & have succeeded admirably & a good many embracing the Democratic cause This Co" has heretofore been ~~rep~~ Republ" by about 900 but if exertions were used I really believe it would end in Douglas triumph I have always been a Democrat & have fought for the cause from the Newspaper Town to Township Organization & I have a good many followers in this vicinity As I feel a Solicitude in the fall Elections I hope you will forward the Speeches & rest assured they shal be used to a great beneficial advantage to yourself & to those to whom they are distributed Any further information cheerfully given by addressing me

please Direct to Grande De Tour
Ogle Co
Ill

I remain your most Obedient &c

Urian, G. Gallion

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Urial G. Gallion
Grand de Tour
Ogle Co. Ills.
June 26/58
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D. H. Hand
Rock Island Ills
June 26. 1858.

Wants Pac: R R Survey

Rock Island, Ill.
June 26th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I would like very much to procure "Explorations for a Rail Road rout from the Mississippi River to the Pacific" Would you be kind enough to inform me what steps to take to procure the Book. (Published by order of Congress)

Very Respectfully Yours
D. H. Hand -

(Sent Smithsonian Reports)

Sons of Temperance.
Baltimore
Md

Wants Doc.

Library Room Sons of Temp
Balto June 26th /58

Hon S A Douglass
Respected Sir
The Order of the Sons of Temperance in this City having established a Library for the use of their Members and wishing to enlarge the same, they have authorized me as their Secretary to address you with the humble request that you will be so kind as to make the Library a donation of some Public Documents, and thus aid them in their laudable endeavor. Any Documents that you may donate the Library will be highly appreciated ~~for~~ and for which you will receive the heartfelt thanks of the Order of the Sons of Temperance
The Order asked the above favor from three of the Members

of Congress from this State
but they have paid no atten
-tion to our humble request
Hoping you will confer
the favor asked and with our
best wishes for your health
happiness and prosperity
We remain with the highest
regards Yours Truly
By order Respectfully
Robt R Ross

Be so kind as to direct the
Documents as follows viz

To the Sons of Temperance
Library
Baltimore
Md

Case 6087

Cincinnati June 27th 1858

Dear Judge

You will find enclosed the first Gun from the "Enquirer" Doran having so recently, been appointed "Post Master" had some hesitation in taking ground against those, that pretended at least, to be the friends of the administration. Pugh and Vallandigham backed me up strong in having Doran break Ground. Gen Ray, John M Elliott of Ky were here yesterday and both swears, that the war on Douglas must cease. This article from the "Enquirer" will insure the certain passage of the Resolutions you desire in the Ohio Convention.

Remember me to Mrs Douglas and believe as ever

Your friend

Washington Mc Lean

P.S. I would like to hear from you, and know how your prospects are. I believe You would advance Your interest very much by visiting Ohio as soon as possible

Don't fail to write a kind letter to Doran it will induce him to continue in the good work

W M

Mark. McLane
Cincinnati
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Answered July 22d

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