

West Whana M July 21st 1858
 S A Douglas

Sir My
 Object in writing to you at this time is
 one of interest to you & the Democrat-
 Party as well as to our selves. We have
 found it indispensably necessary to have
 the present Post Master (John Mills) removed
 He is the jeter of of the & in fact the
 delegate to the better Convention & says
 Bulah or has said that he would
 rather have a Republican in the Senate
 to ~~you~~ self than you. & I assure you
 that we must have the office to op-
 erate through to combat a great the
 enemies of Democracy. & Loweyes abo-
 lition Party we have sent a petition up
 on the 8 Inst praying the removal of Mills
 and the appointment in his place D^r M^r
 Marshall since that time calls has sent
 a remonstrance with quite a number an
 it. Consisting of Republicans just back as
 sent him to work in to their hands
 & will represent them as Democrats to
 the Depts. At yet I tell you as a
 man there is not a Democrat here that
 is worth him

The professor charges a great deal or
promised them of such a character
as must move him if they get to the
Department we hope you will use your
influence to have Dr D. Marshall
appointed for he is as much of a
gentleman as our Quaker yet in the
place Besides he has been S. M.
for 4 years in New York. I never
demonstrated & we say also to you that
it is necessary for you to come here
as soon as you can before the paper
he comes. Little in the opinion I
think the masses are with you if we
can only keep them there & that is
why we want the affair so that we
can distribute public decrees to
the people through it & I assure you
you have no warmer friend here
than I and Marshall be sure to
come to our place as soon as
convenient & let us know in time so
as to get the people at
July 1st

S. M. out going

July 21. S. Montgomery
West Urbana,
Ill.

Answered
July 22^d

(W)

C.S.A. Douglas Papers

July 21, 1888

Draft? copy?

Thro' ~~some~~ innumerable
difficulties ^{arise} ~~those~~ I
traded to a successful
result + after sending
my telegram (the next
day) Mr. W^o. informed
me his capitalist
had ~~to~~ failure to raise
the money.

He ~~proposed~~ proposes
to take $\frac{1}{4}$ Mr. Satter
 $\frac{1}{4}$ in cash + give a
mortgage on city real
estate for the

2 other \$21,000. Bathwell(?)
would not do it. I went
to work to get the money
on the \$21,000. — an
invitation to go out to the
country — + spend
the night with Wm. K.
Strong. I asked his assistance
which he most cheerfully
provided as well as —
account as mine.

This morning he has

3 arranged with an
Ins. Co. to take the —
mortgage + give the money.

— accepted this morning
it will take a little time

& — into — + complete

it. Mr. W. gives the mort-
gage on his homestead
thus taking $\frac{3}{4}$ of the —

// He had acted most nobly
in the matter, indeed had

gone further to serve you

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than one man in a thousand would have done.

I have let him understand that I have made you acquainted with the facts. I have some chance for the other 50,000 & shall get it if possible.

Mr. W. wants a next mortgage with more specific + definite description of the property. He is hard at work for you in other ways - see today's Herald //

8881 *Wm*

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I shall be here some
few days longer - until
next week at any rate.
Send note to Bushnell
direct, - to Mr. Wood, or
to me as you choose // the
expenses I had him incur
except to one party, Mr.
E. F. La Plancey, son of
Bishop Le L.

What it may be I cannot
say. He is a good Democrat
& easily satisfied.
// The labors involved in

by this matter have exceeded
all anticipation & but for the
assistance of Mr. W. I do not
believe I could have suc-
ceeded / Col. D. + J. R.
just from Wash. report —
as the order of the day, & that
to this bill — a Republic
just fr. W. reports the
same — a triangular fight —
with kind regards
to Mrs. S. I remain

most sincerely
yrs
J. Rush Spencer

Consulate of the United States of America.

Manchester July 22^d 1858

Private correspondence -

My dear Sir;

Enclosed I take the liberty
of sending you copy of a letter which
will explain itself. You know
how steadily I have devoted myself
to the good work of cementing the
political, social and commercial
interests of the South and the
North West. The proposed canal
I consider a work second in
importance to no other. With
your knowledge of the vast
resources of the Mississippi
Valley and the Lake Basin it

Hon: J. A. Douglass

to . to . to .

it is needless for me to point out
to you either the advantages to
American Commerce of this great
work or its simplicity and
entire practicability. In the
next number of the London
Cotton Plant there will be
an article upon this subject
to which I desire to attract
your attention. The Report
of Mr Andrews upon the
Slave Trade will be re-
published entire in the
London Cotton Plant. If
you should know the address
of that gentleman be so kind

as to place me in communication
with him. I wish to know if he
will accept a position in the
Management of the Company.

I am so absorbed in these measures
and in promulgating Southern ideas
and Southern interests in Europe
that I have lost the thread of
American domestic politics.
Will you do me the favor to send
me your Speeches on the Kansas
and Secession affair? I wish to
read them for myself and for
my own satisfaction.

If Mr Douglass has not forgotten
us please present my kindest regards
Mrs Douglass's sister Miss Woods with
mention travelling with you. My
wife is in the Sea Shore in Wales. We
are well the climate of England
agreeing with us.

If you come to Europe

You must not omit to let
me know. If you cannot take
Manchester in your route I shall
go to Liverpool to see you land.

Aspiring in the multitude
of your engagements you will
not omit to give this work
to connect Lake Michigan
with the Mississippi Valley
the benefit of your attention

Believe me as ever

Your friend

C. G. Ray for

Chicago & St Louis
Ship Canal between
East
Manchester

July 22. C. G. Ray Jr.

Consulate of the United States of America.

Copy.

Manchester July 22nd 1858

To the Honorable

The Mayor, & Corporation of
St. Louis.

Gentlemen,

The preliminary steps are being taken to bring to the attention of European Capitalists, a work in the construction of which the cities of St. Louis and Chicago are more especially interested, but which the projectors regard as sufficiently national to warrant State and Government recognition.

This work is a Canal from Lake Michigan at Chicago to the Mississippi river opposite St. Louis or near your city, as the actual survey may indicate hereafter.

I have been entrusted with the initiation of this project, and regarding it as eminently practical and entirely practicable I am anxious to place it upon that foundation which will be in accordance with

with the experience and views of the Merchants and property holders of Chicago and St Louis. It has been suggested to me that the Canal proper might ~~be~~ run from the head of navigation on the Illinois river to the Lake, thus taking advantage of this river so far as it is navigable and deepening the Channel and removing such obstructions as may now exist. Another suggestion is to run the Canal due west from the Lake Michigan to the Mississippi river. Another suggestion proposes a Ship Canal from the Lake to the banks of the Mississippi. These various suggestions of course involve only points of detail, and upon these it is of the first importance that sound data should be in our possession.

We think it due as a matter of courtesy to the cities of Chicago and St Louis that a work of such importance should be announced to the authorities.

I should be very much obliged if a reply as soon as possible is given; the subject is at present in private hands, and we desire therefore to keep our proceedings

from any unnecessary publicity. So soon as I hear from you, I shall ^{try} and obtain a leave of absence from the Department of State at Washington for the purpose of conferring personally with those who may take an interest in this great work and which in my humble opinion is destined to wield a great influence upon the trade relations between the interior of the American continent and Europe. I suppose you are aware that ships have sailed from Chicago to Liverpool without breaking bulk. I know from good authority that the Canadian Canal will be enlarged so as to admit ships of large tonnage between the St Lawrence and the Lakes. The proposed canal for river or Lake steamers will connect the Lake Basin with the Mississippi valley. It is needless to point out the advantages to St Louis of this work and which as I have already said is in every sense national.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Yours

Your Obedt Servant

Signed, C. G. Baylor.
U. S. Consul.

Ship Canal connecting
Chicago & St. Louis

Alison Alice, Alison, etc.

22^d. July 1838.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

U.S. Debar

1840

I never admired the character of
Borah, refusing to submit his chance for
nomination of office to the populace, until referring
to a journal of the Union, I discovered that you
had been read of our of the democratic party
by a hope of this place. I enclose his writing
narrating that the journal published it - at
least so the Editor & Proprietor told me just now -
in hopes that the Democratic papers would
"pitch in" and thus give him notoriety, to
the increase of their circulation. You perhaps
have been acquainted with this man Stone - he
is a doctor by profession, by practice I cannot
say what he is, in his community he has no
character to lose, and no influence to lose,
unless it be that he can corrupt by personal
abuse and such attempts at composition,
a few votes, by the use of the traucses of the
Americans here to your interest, for I find
that all the prominent R.N.'s advocate your
claims to the Senate.

I find on examining Lincoln's speech as published, several material alterations & some as a loss exactly how to express them. The language

of the close is manually modified, probably
for the reason that his ~~was~~ attention was
called to your speech, where his discourse has
been concluded.

An accusation made directly against you
of questioning his veracity as to his language
at Springfield being the best to conceal his in-
tention he is omitted.

You will observe that the Republican
is particularly hard up in Illinois his
morning, in connection with Blair's chance
for re-election. Barrett notwithstanding
pledges made at Philadelphia - or rather
there fore shames - as well as to personal
friends in Missouri has come out flat
footed for re-election. He has not however
undertaken to support his position. He
stood a fair chance before but I think he
will now go by the board. Guil Reid of
assassination known will in all proba-
bility beat Woodson who was accepted by
the ~~Democratic~~ Dem's (decomptomites of
his district.

Yours truly

Wm. Moore

July 22. Birmingham
Alton
Ill.

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Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
W.D. Weaver
Government House
Chicago Ill.



Wellsboro July 22/58

Mr S A Douglass

My dear Sir
 enclosed I send one of our bills
 we had had two thousand encir-
 cled, every preparation is going on
 for ample accommodation; the whole
 country in this and the adjoining
 counties will be here. I have written
 to our friends in Bond Ay the
 accommodations there will be ample
 and an immense gathering. both
 there & here let me earnestly consecrate
prayer your brief visit, could not
 Saturday, as there is no train from
Pais here on Monday; do not
fail the disappointment would be
 immense. you will never hear the
 people never heard you. expectation
 is up to the highest point.

Yours friend
 James M Davis

Alas. not fail to come on Saturday
 as there is no train. we anxiously
 expect to see you. as I expected



July 22. J. M. Davis
Hillsboro'
Ill.

Niagara Falls N.Y.

July 22, 1858.

Dear Sir,

In the winter of 1856, the Legislature of this State and the Parliament of Canada passed concurring acts of incorporation authorizing the building of a bridge, (chiefly for Railroad purposes), across the Niagara River at its head. Being interested in protecting the navigating rights in the river we tried to stop the thing at Albany. But Buffalo was too strong for us there we were outvoted. — The passage of these acts has planted a germ of which it is expected you are to reap some of the fruit, for the Lower House of the Canada Parliament has passed a bill by a vote of 10 to 1, authorizing a similar bridge across the St. Clair at its head. Michigan under Railroad local appliances is quite likely to respond affirmatively, and then the parties approved will be driven for redress to the Federal Courts.

But it has occurred to me there may be a mode of prevention other than this, and I venture to trouble you with a suggestion of it. There navigable frontier waters are made free and open to the citizens, subjects of both nations by treaties; Jays art 3. being the first. Various other stipulations have followed, all to similar import.

The subject of regulating these mutual navigating rights, must I take it be open to adjustment by the parties to these original treaties, by them only.

My suggestion is this. Has not the time arrived, when this whole policy of building international bridges ^{at navigable points} should be carefully regulated and defined by new treaty stipulations?

For example might it not be practicable for us to stipulate with England that no bridges shall be erected across boundary, navigable waters, without the special consent of both parties? When a case should arise under such a stipulation, let provision be made for a joint Commission for examining the site, and adjusting all necessary details, and let the report of this joint Commission form a part of the treaty, to be ratified or rejected by the Senate of the U.S.

The navigation of rivers which connect the Commerce of States, involves national rights, which Congress in the exercise of the exclusive Commercial power, can alone regulate and protect. When the State of N.Y. authorizes a bridge over the navigable parts of the Niagara on the State of Michigan over the St. Clair, they are clearly to my mind attempting usurpation of the rights of citizens of other States, who are excluded from all representation in the State Legislatures. They cannot be represented except under the general government, and this representation they will have in the Senate of the U.S., when it ratifies the treaty making power as above.

I think it quite probable you may be called on by Mr. Chicago's friends to look to this matter, & being interested in the question with my neighbors,

I hope you will secure these suggestions.

I believe it is customary, where ^{the} public interests demand special diplomatic arrangements with a foreign power, for the Hs. of Reps. to originate a resolution on the subject, addressed to the Executive.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Rusk
S. J. P. Rusk

Hon. S. J. May, Esq.

There is but one international rail road bridge now standing, and that is here. - There is a highway suspension bridge at Lewistown 7 miles below and. Both of these however cross at points where the river is not navigable. Of course, neither Comports with the treaty law -

July 22. A. S. Porter
Niagara
N. Y.

Answered

July 25

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Pekin Ia. Co. July 22, 1858.

Dear Sir -

In looking over the list of appointments, as published in the "Times," for you through Central Illinois, we find that Tazewell County has been passed -

Feeling a deep interest in the result of the coming contest, we desire to call your especial attention to the fact that your services are greatly needed in this County. Two years since by an unprecedented struggle we succeeded in electing a democratic member - This fall we have a strong combination of Republicans and Americans to fight, besides local prejudices to overcome, - for these reasons, and from the fact that you have not spoken in old Tazewell for many years, we deem your services of the utmost importance.

Not wishing to burden you with a long letter, we will simply request, that if it is within your power, you will mention a time when it will suit your convenience to visit this county, and we will give you a warm reception - Lincoln will address a mass meeting of the republicans during the fall. Yours &c

S. D. Hulterbaugh - at
the request and for many
Democrats.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

3. S. D. Puterbaugh
Pekin
Ill.

July 22.

Wm. A. Burleigh

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of the republicans during the fall. There is
now to meet this country and we will give you a
full description in time when it will suit your convenience
simply request that if a meeting your favor you
not wishing to burden you with a long letter we will
leave your business of the utmost importance
have not spoken in all Japan for many years and
overcome. For these reasons and from the fact that you
and Americans to fight better local positions to
fall we have a strong combination of Republicans
are succeeded in electing a democratic member. This
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that your business are greatly needed in this country
are clear to call your especial attention to the fact
holding a deep interest in the result of the coming contest
the fact that Japanese country has been pushed
published in the "Times" for your through Central Illinois
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Dear Sir

Wm. A. Burleigh
Sept. 22, 1878