

[S. A. Douglass Papers]

Washington July 27th 1858

Dear Harris,

I do not hear a word from you. I hope you will write me what is going on in New York. how politicians there talk the future of the Union your pericene keeps up its fire on Douglass every day and we reply as well as we can. There is the most bitter determination on the part of the President and the clique who surround him to break Douglass down.

The Union is almost solitary and alone in its fight against Douglass in the North & West. The most rabid abolition papers do not copy its articles or endorse them. They are mostly ^{"A majority of"} main. The Southern papers are also quiet. Some few denounce Douglass as bitterly as the Union. Others again, find fault with his remarks on the Kansas question, but endorse his position on all other points. I have not

heard a word from Douglass. Do you
know when Allen, the clerk of the House
will return. If he does not do so in
a few days, as sure as you live, Car-
ter & Buck, his deputies, who are Men-
delssohn's tools, will not give the advertise-
ment of the annual appropriation to the
States. Please write me. Remember
me to all.

Yours Truly
Chas. P. Weiss

Mrs Weiss paid the bill with check
and has filed the receipt away with
Mr Davis's papers.

July 27. J. J. Hippee
Plymouth.
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Asks a speech.

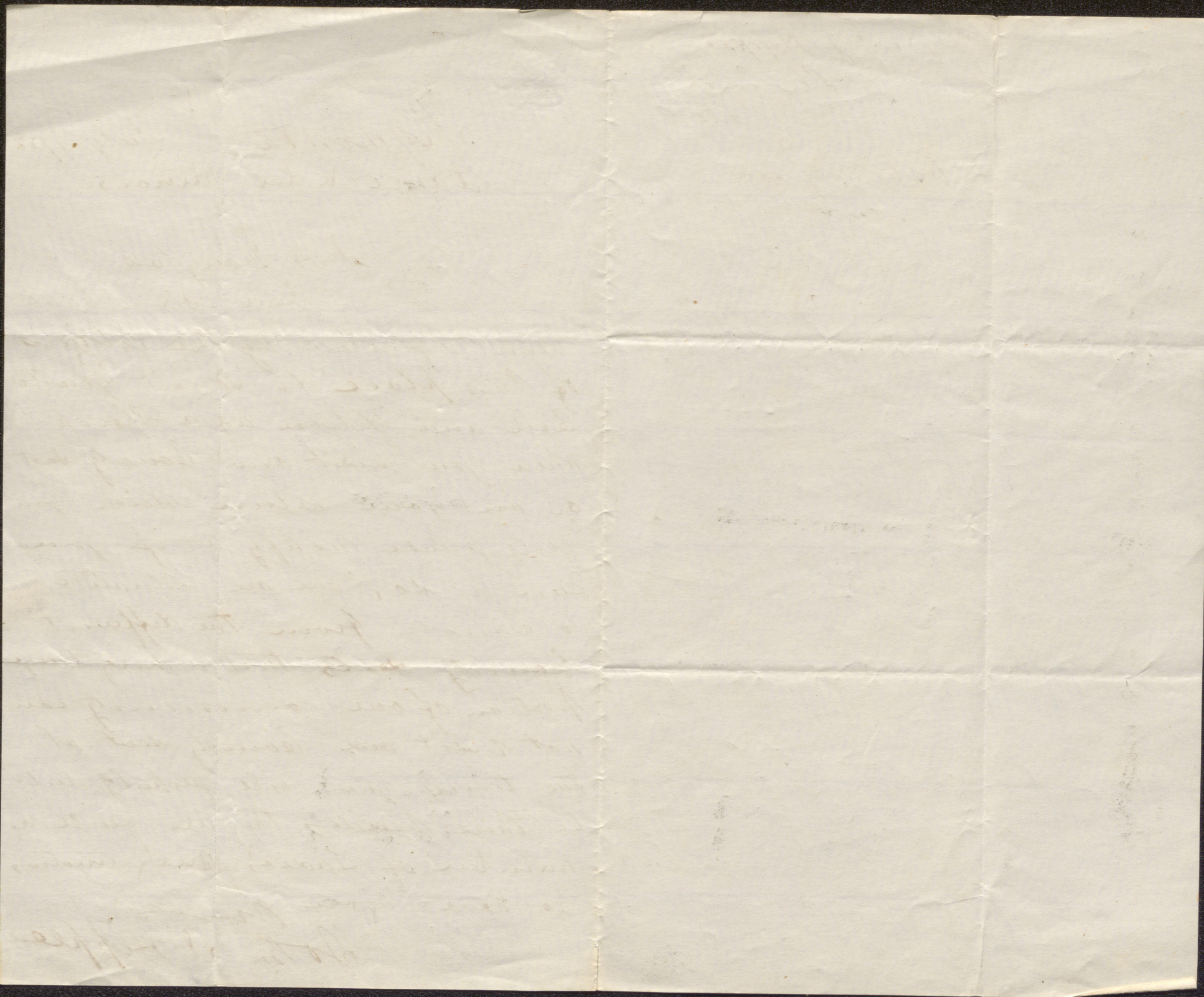
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Plymouth July 27/58
Hancock Co Illinois

Hon S A Douglass

Dear Sir I have
been requested by the citizens
of this place to solicit you to
call and deliver us a speech
when you visit our County seat
or on your return which you
will please notify us if you
can do so, we are situated
so remote from the different
County seats that a very large
portion of our community can
not visit our County seat at
the time you will probably will
be there besides they are quite a
number of Ladies very anxious
to hear you speak.

John J Hippee





Private

Quincy

July 27th 1858

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

I have been here a few days and have been seeking information in relation to the state of things in this section of the country and think it my duty to give you such information as I have that you may draw your own conclusions from it & govern your course as to you may seem best.

|| You are aware that John Davis is an independent Candidate for Congress, I am satisfied that a May of those who brought him out are not unfriendly to you. The opposition of a May of those who influenced him to run are friendly to you - but hostile to Morris, and the reason I come to this conclusion is this, a portion of the Davis men wanted to run a Candidate for Congress members of the Legislature & all County Officers, a May however only wanted to run opposition for Congress - and at present they are for the Democratic nominees for the Legislature, all the efforts in the world can't get these men for Morris & in my judgment they can repeat Roosevelt in Hancock & it may be a sensation from that District, this should be avoided, and I am sure it can be. I have to day

handwritten
suggested

to Brooks the absolute necessity of giving Rose
velt time to see and secure them before
he abuses them any more. I feel in hopes
he will desist until they commit themselves
publicly and then he can do as he
pleases. Brooks than Mr Morris will
be elected by a very large majority & I
am inclined to think so - there is therefore
no necessity to use peril Roosevelt by
affording a pretext to the Davis men
in Hancock to bait him

It seems to be understood that Browning
is to run and if he does there is no reason
why a man should not be elected
from Henderson & Warren, for he
will not labor very hard to help Lincoln
to vote.

While I think every thing should
be done fairly & honorably to elect
Morris I see no necessity to lose
votes that ~~we~~ ^{you} can get for many
of the Legislature, that under cir-
cumstances will go for Morris -
you will see my dear Sir I think at once
the only point of danger in this District
and if prudence is observed it is past and
all is secure

I had a long conversation with
Green from the other day he
is anxious for your success and ready
to do whatever he can to aid, some of
your most prudent friends here
think that he cannot help

any - and they are better judges than I
am. I fear his support of Low Anderson
would not help him much in this section

I regard the election now going forward
as deciding the contest of 1860 - and in
such a contest men and places
are nothing - I regret that I am
not in the contest in Illinois. I hope your
success. It may be it is selfish for if this
contest is decided in favor of the Republicans
in Illinois they will get Nebraska -
buy our all peradventure. If however you
carry Ill. we will secure Nebraska
and she will be applying in a few
years - for admission //

I am, truly

your friend

W A Richardson

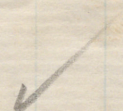


July 27 W. A. Richardson

Quincy,

Ill.

Answered



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July 27. J. P. Shields
Greenville,
Ill.

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Greenville

July 27th 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir.

Duty compels
me to leave home before your
arrival, I regret it, because, I
was anxious to join our
citizens in bidding you welcome.
Let the Resolution drawn by
myself and unanimously adopted
by the Democracy of Bond County
nearly a year ago speak for
me in my absence, it is as
follows

Resolved, That in the Hon. Stephen A.
Douglas we behold the fearless champion
and uncompromising advocate of the
rights of the people, and his unflinching
devotion to the best interests of the Union
pre-eminently entitles him to the highest
honor within the gift of the American
people.

You are our choice, and our State will
return you to the Senate of U. S. once
in 1860, with the Illinois Senator

for our Standard Bearer we
intend to rout the Black
Republicans, Danites, et id
Omne genus, "horse foot and
dragons". Be it so, thrice
welcome to my home in "Old
Bond", our citizens will
delight to do you honor and
your visit strengthen our
glorious cause. Be pleased
to accept an assurance of the
great respect, with which I
have the honor to be Sir, your
humble supporter.

John P. Shields.

Grand De Tour Cyle Co Me,
July 27. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass Esq
Chicago

Dear Sir,

There are some facts relation to the position of political parties in this section of the State to which I call your attention.

1st This is a Republican State, but by great exertion I think we can secure the election of the "right kind" of a man for Representation to Springfield.

2nd There are scores of the old Republicans that are out & out for yourself for Senator again, & will vote accordingly, and many more can be got, if a proper efforts is made.

3^d The "Nab Docters" you send to U. S. Gallion I fear will be poorly dealt with. Give us your speeches & lots of the kind of Documents & we will fight the "Black Republicans" Napoleon like.

Truly Yours
A. A. Terrell

A.A. Yerritt
Grand de Ture
Ogle Co Ill
July 27/58.

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July 28. J. C. Allen
Palestine
Ill

[S. A. Douglas papers]

Palestine Ill
July 28th 1858

Dear Sir:

Being to the same extent
of my wife, I will not be
able to meet you at Paris as
I purposed doing.

In this country all is
right we will give a stronger
vote than ever before,

Your friends are much
satisfied at the prospects this
fall of a complete triumph.

I will meet you when
you get into the Southern
portion of the State; prepared
to work whenever you may
assign me work to do.

Yours Truly J. C. Allen

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H. G. Crouch
Galena
Ill.

July 28

Answered -

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L. F. LEAL,

H. G. CROUCH,

Office of the Daily Courier,

OVER GALENA INSURANCE OFFICE, COR. MAIN & WASHINGTON STS.

Galena, July 28, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

A statement is in circulation in this city involving a matter long past, but in its nature calculated to injure you in Galena. It is to this effect: While the bill granting the lands for the Illinois Central Railroad was pending in Congress, the question as to where the Northern terminus of the Road should be - whether at Galena, or at a point on the Mississippi River opposite Dubuque - was deemed one of much importance by the respective friends of the two points named. The interests of Galena were supposed to be in the keeping of Col. Baker and other Representatives from Illinois. When the result was known to be in favor

of Dubuque, you are perhaps aware
a deep feeling of resentment took
hold of the people of Galena, they
having the impression that their
interests had been either neglected
or betrayed by the local Representation
Col. Baker. I believe that impression
has prevailed up to this time.

It is asserted now, however,
as coming directly from Gen. F. W.
Jones, that ~~that gentleman~~ there was
some collusion between yourself
and that gentleman ^(Gen. J.) by which the
rights of Galena were thwarted,
and the benefits arising from
the Road ~~was~~ turned over to a
city outside the State of Illinois.

In other words, that you sacrificed
the interests of the City of Galena.

The authenticity of this statement
can hardly be doubted, it having
been freely stated by Mr. B. N.
Campbell, of this city, to whom it

is stated Gen. Jones made the alle-
gation in question.

The Republicans are making
use of the statement, and Democrats
know not how to meet it. Be-
lieve that we have no votes to spare
in this Senatorial District, & therefore
deem it proper to ask such explanation
as you can give of the matter, that
your friends may in private
contradict the unqualified asser-
tions now being made by your
opponents.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
N. G. Crouch-

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Enclosure (1-1-5-9)

Pultond July 29th (58)

Dear Sir

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Presuming on your kindness I take the liberty of troubling you once more about my affairs. My means are getting so low and my prospects so dark that I must make some exertion to support my family. I have tried to sell my scrip to Mr Cally in exchange for the note he holds against the estate and he not only refuses to receive it but most peremptorily demands the interest at least immediately. This I cannot meet. No collections are being made and not much prospect for any. My son Edwin has been trying to get into some situation to relieve me from a part of the burden of supporting the family - but owing to his misfortune of losing his hand all seem to suppose he can do nothing, - but Sir he can do more than many who have 2 hands. Edwin is well Educated and one of the first mathematicians in the Pultond academy. He has learned to write a very good hand - with the left hand, and work well at any thing. You have been well acquainted with my husband's affairs while in the army. At the time he resigned he told me it was customary for an officer to receive pay for several months after resignation. This was withheld from him from some cause or other

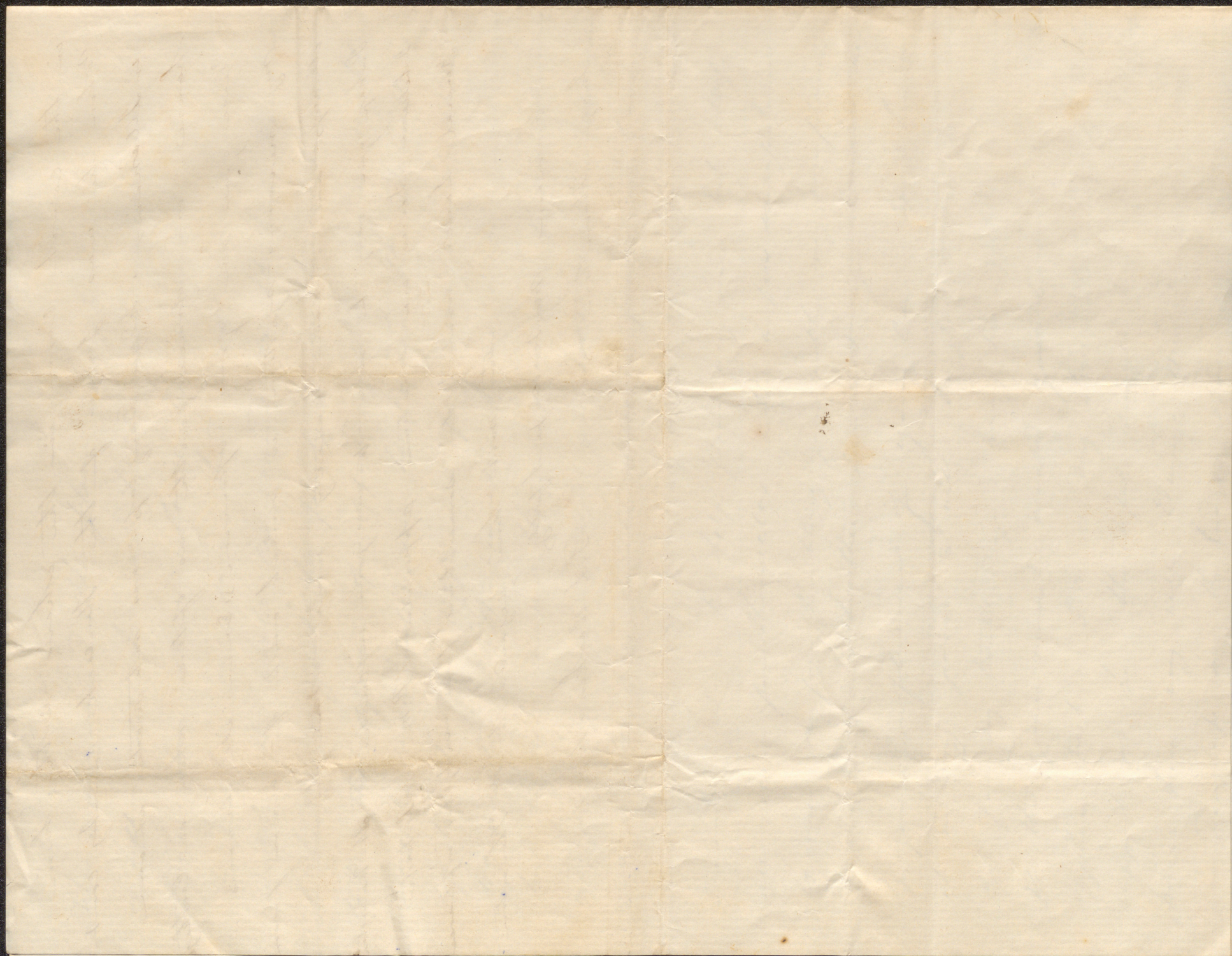
When we crossed the plains he held command
as ~~Left~~ Colonel for which service no report was
made, and Colonel Living complimented him
in public and said had it not been for his
execution the whole command might have been lost,
he had to neglect his family, lose his rest and
take the office of officer of the day & night
almost continually, and he gained the ill will
of his brother officers for compelling them
to execution they would have slept until noon
had he not roused them. Now Sir if my situation
was properly represented at Washington do you
not think I could be relieved from at least
cranks. If I could sell my sheep at a fair discount
I would not ask help from any one but alas
all seem for themselves with a few exceptions
excuse me for troubling you with my complaints
as a Christian brother I entreat you to aid me
by your influence if you can. If I have
it in my power I will be glad to compensate
you for any trouble you may be at for me or mine.
If the government would give Edwin some little
office such as P.M. or any thing that would barely
support us how thankful I would be. Judge Douglas
knows him very well Edwin's middle name ~~was~~
was Douglas and the Judge often used to have him

in the court room in the chair with him
when he was Judge of the Hancock county court
in Illinois. Judge Douglas was intimate at our
house, and dined with us often when in Carthage.
Please give me your opinion. Excuse all errors
my nervous system is much out of order from
illness and I can scarcely write at all. I
Perhaps you may be able to use your influence at Washington
I believe Ladies are sometimes appointed P.M. Perhaps
General Lane would do something for us by his influence
with most kind regards to Mr Thornton

I remain most respectfully

Judge Thornton

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Kunda July 29 [29(?)]

Mr Douglas please send me
the mechanic office reports
and oblige me

Direct to Barreville Co. Ill
Mc Henry

J. Bryant, Br

I give a list off names so you
can send some speeches

J. Bryant
P. M. Huffman
J. B. Butler
C. Patison
C. Shales
G. Shales
T. Coarbs
H. Keller
W. Skinner

William Robison
W. Huffman
A. Kimball
H. Bryant
J. Bryant
A. Moor
A. Lincoln

Direct to Mr. Meckell Rept.



J. J. Devereux
J. H.
Munda. Ill.
July 29. 1858.

Wants Speeches,
I gives names.

New York July 29th 1858

Dear Judge - I enclose three short letters from Heip - His suggestion of having a smart man to go with you and get up a large circulation for the States is highly nec^y and I hope you will attend to it - He can be paid a percentage & make a good thing of it for both parties - I think Carter & Beck are doing what Allen don't want them to do but he had better see to it - There is cheating going on and he will be victimised by that set.

I notice your progress through the state and should judge you must beat them - write me your own opinion -

Yours Truly

Arnold Harris

I am suffering with a sore eye and can hardly write -

July 29. A. Harris

Heiss & the "States"

1858



Lyons July 29th 1858

Honored Sir

Please send me a few copies of your late speeches; and a copy now and then as they are issued will afford the subscriber the greatest pleasure and, I dare say, unmeasured profit.

Your humble servant
Amuel D Westfall 2nd

Sam'l Westfall. 2.
Lyons.
July 29. 1858.

Private

Covington July. 30. 1858

My Dear Sir -

My deep interest in your success and that of your principles must plead my excuse for again addressing you - (wrote you some weeks since, to which has no reply) - and having observed the "summing up" of the probability of your success, I see the contest is to be the least somewhat doubtful - hence concluded that any item or suggestion by any one would be at least considered by you and your friends at this critical time. -

My "Iron Works" being situated immediately on the border of one of your Counties "Edgar" it gave me an opportunity to know the men and politics of said County I think very thoroughly (as it is a great advantage sometimes to be on borders) - and after fully and deliberately surveying the whole field am satisfied that with three candidates in the field (as there sure will be)

there is but one man in the County who
could carry it, committed to your support (with
this one another might go in, as I believe this
County has two representatives. and I am
satisfied that if he is taken in time - he
can be brought all right - he is a "Republican"
but my favorite to you - this man is Mr.
Piddell of Paris - Merchant. personally very
popular with all parties and classes - was
Senator in Indiana some 12 Years -

I think this arrangement and result could
be brought about, - but no time to be
lost - should you regard it worthy your attention.
I am correct in my views - the only ques-
-tion being, whether he can be brought to your
support - I am confident upon this point.

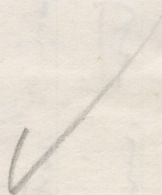
// You will of course have noticed the
"Suicide" of Breckinridge - died of his wound
months, as a prominent candidate for 1860
from Kentucky - have heard him make
several speeches, crossing the Administration

"Liberator" and all - was taken down from me
to attend to "Breckinridge" in any way - Stephen
pitched into you very rightly, but both classes you
are a democrat - had confidence that you
would "come right" - //

I may be in Chicago in about 10 days
and I know what to find you, would be
pleased to see you, with pleasure

Very truly
yours
C. M. Brown

C. M. Bruce
Carrington
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July 30. C. B. Buckner
Chicago,
Ill.

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~~Illinois Central Railroad Company,~~

Chicago. July 30th 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

My dear sir;

Mr. Sheridan's letter from Clinton appears in the Times this morning. As far as I can gather, the effect of your remarks is all that can be desired. As yet the opposition press are oblivious to the fact of any public meeting in Clinton, but I suppose they will set up a concerted yell in behalf of their Champion tomorrow.

I have written a letter on the subject of your denunciation of Lincoln, which will probably appear in the Times tomorrow. I hope it will offend no one but Mr. Lincoln, and I care not how

much he may dislike it.

McClellan has written a very excellent letter to Faneuil which, in time, will find its way back to Illinois.

Merrick desires me to say that if Lincoln continues to hang about the tail-end of your meetings, he will take pleasure, if you think it advisable, to follow after him in the discussion.

You are of course, the best judge of the proprieties in the matter, but it occurs to McClellan and myself that Merrick's idea is an excellent one. If you want him, telegraph ^{him} to that effect at an early day, ~~so~~ otherwise he may go east next week.

I remain, very truly
Your friend,
S. B. Buckner.

Cincinnati July 30th 1858

Judge Douglass,

Dear Sir

I see from the reports of the papers, that the Douglass part of the democratic party will have a hard time to elect three men for the Legislature in your State, it has been some time since I last saw you at Stillwater, in Minnesota, I have some good old friends in your State, amongst the farmers, and mechanics, and would like to be upon the stump with them, and will come, and do all I can, to help the Douglass cause along if you think it will do any good if the mechanics and the farmers lose you in the Senate they lose their best friend, I. Stumpes, Marion, county Indiana, hard for the old democratic ticket and can stump the State of Ill. Just as hard for the Douglass democracy amongst the farmers and mechanics, I am a poor man, but if I was able I would rather give \$1000 than to see the Douglass men beaten in that State I have lived in Minnesota some time and

for one know the fruits of your Labor
well, I did not. Review the documents
you promised to send to me when I resided
at Hastings, Minnesota, you will recollect
we met at the Lake House in Stillwater
you will be kind enough to excuse
bad spelling and penmanship direct your
to, E. J. Preston, c/o, B. L. Bay Mill St Cincinnati
I am with you heart and hand and
against the Leecompton Scandal

Yours with Respect
E. J. Preston

To Hon. S. Douglass

E. J. Preston
Cincinnati
Ohio

July 24/58.

July 30, 1858



Waymanville Ia July 30th 1858
Hon S A Douglas

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, being an entire stranger to you personally, and that you will not consider the proposition that I am about to make as impertinent.

The proposition and the arrangements that I ~~am~~ desire to make to you is this. I wish to prepare myself for the study of law, but have not a sufficient education for it and am unable to get a better one. now if you will take me under your care & educate me for that purpose & allow me to when my education is completed to pursue the study of law under you I will enter into any kind of agreement with you that you may think proper to secure yourself.

I have funds sufficient to defray my expenses to you and also to pay my board & tuition for one year after which time I will be twenty one years of age & any engagements that you might make with me would be valid if you should be unwilling to make one with me while I am a minor. If it is not too much trouble please let me hear from you. Respectfully

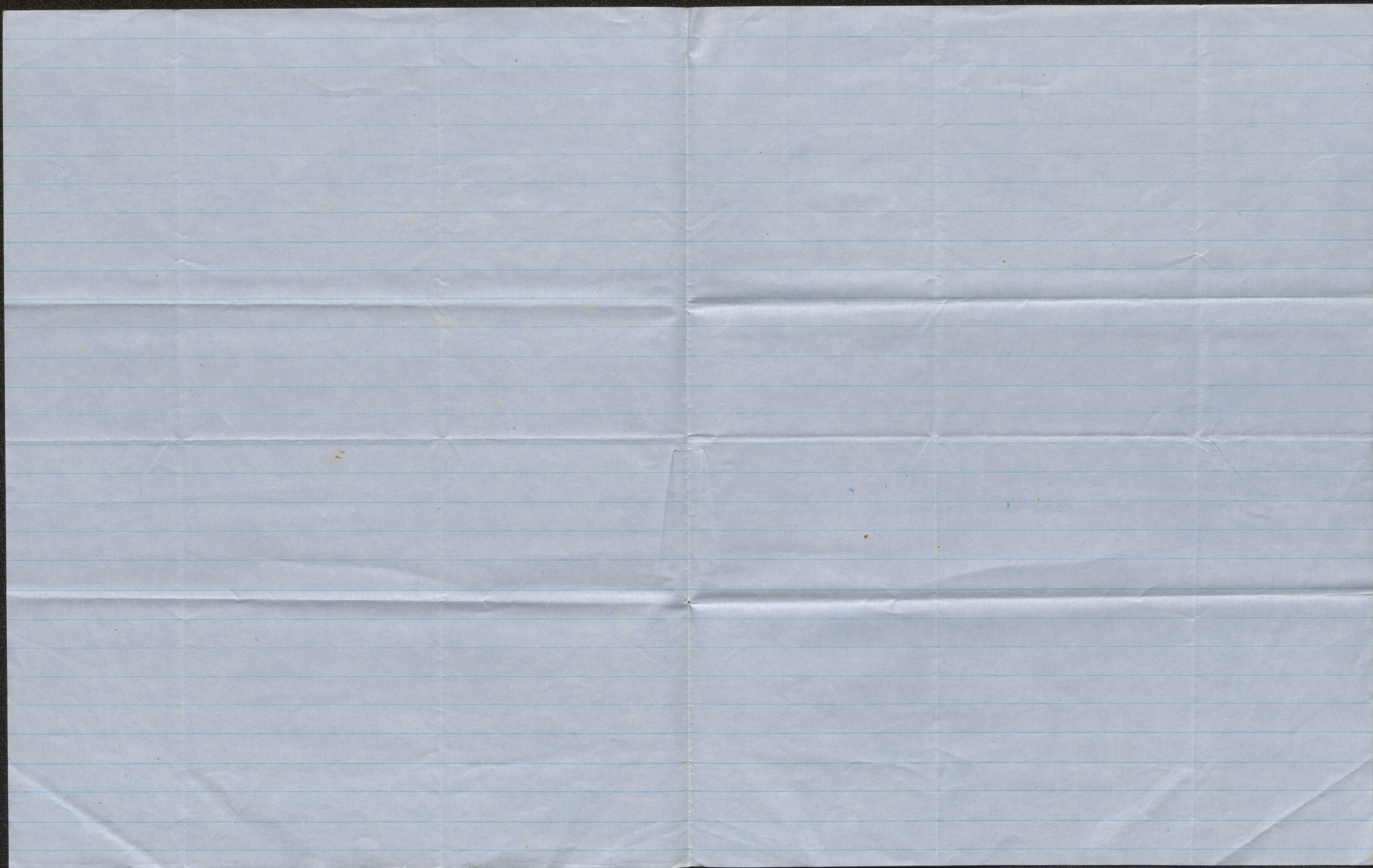
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July 30. Jas. D. Rofs
Plymouth
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Wishes you to take him
under your care.



to be short - my purpose is only to recommend
to you great caution and consideration in adopting
your tactics - Don't be outworn by imprudent
excitement. be calm & prudent and always
yourself - and you will yet cause them to
with like Cabbage leaves before the fire.

You have waived your claims
at two nominating Conventions - in favor of Gen.
Cass & Mr. Buchanan each - I thought you were
wrong both times - but concluded, you had
time to wait, & that your claims were per-
haps made stronger each time, & that the
next heat, you would be certain. but now
a combination is formed to put you out of the
way, of other aspirants; and it will need
all your judgment, nerve & perseverance to
withstand the allies - but hold on - be cool
think well - and wait the issue calmly -
and my word for it - you will defeat
them in the end. With my best
wishes - and all the aid that my Vote
& any that I can controul will always
be yours when the chance offers - You
may please mine at a Free will Support
as I am no aspirant for office & unfit
to fill one, even if otherwise.

Yrs Very Truly

Geo. W. Lamon

Wm. S. a Donor

August 24th Ind. 31. 1858

Dr Sir Thirty five years, service in the ranks of the
Democracy - and a uniform support of its nominees
Federal, State, District, County, & Corporations - without the
ability or desire, to hold office, but always a willing
contributor in work & funds, to the full extent of my
power and activity, ought to give me a claim to be
heard in advice to those who have had my confidence
and good wishes for ~~more~~ than sixteen years, as has been
the case with you. I have taken some considerable of
vanity, and pride to myself - in having predicted the
results of your political career - as ending in a Election
of Pres of the U.S. this was my mark as long ago as
1844 - & I have steadily adhered to the opinion, and
even yet, altho under a cloud, for the present, my con-
fidence remains unshaken & unaltered.

The Secompton difficulty, is one calculated
to give you trouble, and requires skillful engineering
and great tact to withstand, because you have the
whole weight of the Federal Government to resist, which
is overpowering in almost any case, whether to be right
or wrong - I believe you are right - and was glad
to find you in the position you took, as I had already
taken it here, at soon our Convention met last summer
at Millisgville to nominate a candidate for Gov. Nathan
Papish resolutions condemning Gov Walker for his course
in Kansas, and with others, clearly in defence of
non intervention, or the Kansas Nebraska Bill while
I then & now consider the best Law on Record.