

Off. Cin. Enquirer,
Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 6/58.

My dear Sir:

Finding it impossible, after repeated efforts, during the last three months and a half, to express an independent opinion through the columns of the "Enquirer" in regard to the Illinois election, I voluntarily withdraw from the paper. The "Enquirer," sir, is responsible for nearly all the Lecompton sentiment in the Northwest. Had not this paper, for the pitiful consideration of the Post Office at Cincinnati, got down into the very dust, and landed Mr. Buchanan's miserable message on Lecompton, the papers of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, almost without exception, would have been upon your side. Mr. Taran, the nominal editor of the "Enquirer," is a very weak man, uneducated and timid—can no more line out of office than a fish out of office water. Finding that he could not control nor restrain me, he invested, on ~~the~~ Friday last, a man by the name of Bloss, who has prostituted the King's English for the

columns of this paper for the last six years, with supreme authority to insert or reject editorial articles. I would not of course, submit to such conduct on the ~~ignor~~ part of the ignorant, time-serving men in question, and hence my action in the premises.

Washington McLean and H. W. Robinson are your fast friends, but, to my surprise, I learned that Haran has a contract by which he can do just as he pleases. The people of Ohio are all with you, but the "Enquirer," weak and full of bad English as it is, contrives to keep a few bankrupt politicians, who have hitherto managed matters, in the traces. // I shall speak and write, in Ohio and elsewhere, until the end of the campaign.

The world is looking on with admiration at your noble struggle, and the genius of civilization would blush at your defeat. I am happy to record that, among the many brilliant writers whom I had the personal honor to bring out ~~among~~ through the columns of the "Western Democratic Review" not one has ~~shag~~ struck his flag to the enemy, but still bears it aloft, having inscribed, as in other days, upon its ample folds, "Douglas, the

Constitution, and the Union!" You may rest assured, sir, that the candidate for office in Ohio that shall dare to lift his head above the waves with a Le-compton collar upon his neck, will encounter the wrath of an offended people, and be glad to sink back into the domain of treachery and infamy.

Mark my word: If the holder of the Cincinnati Post-Office shall find, in November next, Buchanan ahead, he will claim the credit of a Buchanan victory, and denounce you; if he shall find Douglas ahead, he will claim to have elected him to the Senate! The policy is, as I hear it every day, to "hold off."

If I could be of more service to you in Illinois than in Ohio, I would gladly go over.

Your old friend,
Geo. P. Buell.

Wm. S. D. Douglas, }
Chicago, Ills. }

Wm T. Russell
Cincinnati
Ohio

Aug 6/88

Aug. 6. Ed. L. Spalding
Worcester,
Mass.

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Worcester Mass, Aug. 6th/85

Hon. S. A. Douglas U.S.

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me
your Speech delivered June 7th
on the Navy Appropriation Bill.
And if you have others which
you will not want I would
be very happy for them as I
wish for some to bind and
you will much oblige your
humble Servant,

Edmund L. Spalding,

Worcester,
Mass.



Received from Mrs. J. A. [illegible]
 Jan 21 1852

Will you please send me
 your report of the [illegible]
 for the [illegible] [illegible]
 and if you have [illegible]
 your [illegible] [illegible]
 the [illegible] [illegible]
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Edward L. [illegible]
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Lancaster, Aug. 7, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas;

Dear Sir,

Hon. James C. Allen is Clerk of the N. R. U.S., and I understand is one of your friends. His corps in the House, I suppose, is subject to changes. Next winter I would like to spend in Washington, and if I could get the place of reading clerk in the House, I would like it. I am very confident that I could perform the duty to the satisfaction of all concerned, and if you can do any thing to aid me in the matter I take the liberty to ask your assistance. I was the reading and active secretary of the Cincinnati Convention, and refer to the Wisconsin Delegation at that Convention, including Mr. Barstow, as also, to all the gentlemen from your State who were present at its proceedings.

Wishing you triumphant success at the next fall election,

I am,

Very Respectfully,

Yours.

Alex'r J. Gray

al. L. Gray
Jamestown
Wis

Aug 7/58.

London, 11. 7. 1811

My dear Mr. B. & C.

Yours

I have the pleasure to inform you that the
first volume of the History of the County of
Gloucester, which I have the honor to
present to you, is now ready for the
press. It is a work of some magnitude,
and I trust will be found interesting and
useful. I have been very anxious to
complete it, and I am glad to say that
it is now in the hands of the printer.
I have also the pleasure to inform you
that the second volume is now in the
hands of the printer, and will be ready
for the press in a few weeks. I am
very anxious to complete it, and I am
glad to say that it is now in the
hands of the printer.

I am, Sir, very
truly
yours
J. B. & C.

Washington City

August 7th. 1858

W^ord Stephen A. Douglas

My Sir

We were greatly surprised, disappointed, and inconvenienced at finding your note given in our favour for 2693⁵⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars, due on the 1st of this month had not been honoured at Bank. At your own request we sent you a notice of its approaching maturity, and doubtless you received an other notice from the Messrs Riggs & Co. We had confidently relied upon its amount, to meet our own notes. —

Indeed we can not get along without it. And we respectfully urge you to send us your Cash Draft or Cheque for the amount. //

At the time you proposed to give us your note at 5 months, three months had elapsed from the average date of your bill. We felt that the length of time before maturity was too long. But as you said it would incommode you to pay it before that time, and felt sure of your ability to meet it at five months, we assented.

As this matter has caused us trouble in our monetary affairs, you will oblige us by an early reply to this, saying what you can do, and thereby enable us to make

other arrangements. As it is extremely
dull for the sale of our goods in Washing-
-ton at this time, we have to rely on the
ants due us to meet our own engagements

Very respectfully

Yours Obediently
Clagitt D. Dodson

Clagett & Dodson
Washington
Aug. 7. 26.

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Paltimore Aug. 7. 1858
 Esteemed Sir

We had a stormy time
 at our Democratic City Conven-
 -tion last night. The office
 holders mustered their strength
 and offered Resolutions
 approving of the Administra-
 -tion and its Kansas policy.
 Your friends came to the
 rescue, defended you galla-
 -mely and the Resolutions
were laid on the table by
a vote of more than 2 to 1.

I thought this news would
 be gratifying to you and
 I accordingly let you have
 it by first mail.

With respect

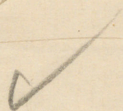
Your friend

To,

Hon. S. A. Douglas

GEO. A. GICKMAN

Geo A Hickman
Baltimore Md.
Aug 20/38.



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Baltimore 7 Aug 1858

Wm Stephen A Douglass

My dear Sir,

I have had the pleasure of meeting you several times in Washington but presume you have forgotten me. At a meeting of the Democratic City Convention last Thursday evening, Mr Wm H. Owens of my ward (18th) offered strong Leecompton Resolutions & I offered Anti Leecompton Resolutions both of which you will ^{since} have disclosed in front of the Republican, both sets were taken by a vote of 37 to 18 the 'Popular Sovereignty' members voting to lay upon the table then by defeating the Administration Resolutions thinking a voice from the 'South' might be

advantageous to you in the Campaign in
your state I have taken the liberty of
writing you. Our mutual friend Col
Horney is highly delighted with the
action of our Convention, Capt Menick
will recollect me I held the position
of Deputy Reg of Wills "under Col Sapping-
ton" for Frederick Co Md eight years ago //

The people are with you, with
some of the "office holders here" With
my best wishes for your success and
hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you
in Chicago and congratulating you this fall
upon your success I am

Very truly
Lewis W. Wolfe



Louis W Wolfe
Baltimore
Md,

Aug 1/58

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Private

Boston, Aug 9. 1850.

To Hon Stephen A. Douglas:

My Dear Sir:-

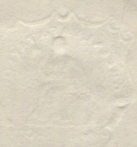
I intend starting for your State some day this week - to be in Chicago to assist you on the stump and with the pen, in the great battle for the pure Jeffersonian Democratic principles. Much anxiety is felt here among the faithful for your triumphant success at the next election. If I can be of any service to you it will give me unfeigned pleasure. I am known to your people as a pretty fair stump speaker - having, in '52 and the others, spoke ~~considerably~~ many times in your State and others with very good success. // Yours truly, John Abbott

1851/6/10
 from
 my
 John Abbott

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Detroit Aug 9th
Henry Inkermann
wants autograph.

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Detroit August 9th
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
Dear Sir

If you
will have the kindness to favor me with
your autograph I will be under
the greatest of obligations to you
Very Respectfully Yours
Henry Inkermann
Box 863 P.O.



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[1838]

New York Aug. 9. 1838

Judge Douglass

My dear Sir

Your prompt and kind answer to my letter congratulating you upon your Chicago Speech, came safe to hand, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

I would not now trouble you with another letter, but I thought it might be gratifying to you, to learn to some extent what impression your bold, fearless, intrepid and manly course, in defence of the people's rights, and true democratic principles, had made, and was making in New York, and Washington, and generally where I travel. If I have any ~~praiseworthy~~ quality, it is, not to deceive, less acting, or make professions which I do not feel, so that what I write you may rely upon. I returned a few days since, from Washington, where I spent a week, and took pains to ascertain the state of feeling in regard to your position, particularly with persons in office, and I was glad to see that with few exceptions they sympathized with you, and but for the Iron Rod that is held over them, in every Department (except Navy), you ^{would} hear with hardly a dissenting voice, and universal assent to the just, and equal position you have taken.

I met with one man in office who could

not be made to believe that the administration was responsible for, or had anything to do with the articles which appeared in the Union against you. He would not believe that Buchanan could subscribe to such articles as the Union contained against you and particularly against your speech at Chicago. In this City the tide is turning, I have conversed with Souther President of the Bank of the Republic, who is a Virginian by birth and education, and who has accepted this early the office of Delegate to the Charleston Convention and he endorses, as I do, every move you have made. He will be one of the most important men in the Charleston Convention, and will exert an influence equal to any, and superior to 9/10 of the Delegates. His influence will not only be felt in the New York Delegation but it will be felt with telling force in the Virginia Delegation. I have filled him with enthusiasm for you, and done my best to satisfy him that you are the only Democrat in the Land that can be elected in 1860.

I have talked very freely with Mather and Schell, and while they are both a little cautious and I think a little afraid of the Administration, I can see that should you succeed in coming back to the Senate there will be nothing easier than to bring them to you with all their force and power. This

done, and I most insure you the New York Delegation in the Charleston Convention.

I have a plan on foot to bring both the hard and soft to search upon you and with the aid of Souther, (who has great influence of the Sefulls, Mather & Mayor Wood) ^{Shafte} to succeed.

You may think that Virginia could not be brought to the Charleston Convention for you, but I think it can, and when Mr. Mat I will tell you how it can be done. There are four men in N.Y. (in addition to what friends you already have) who can do the work. Two of them are my intimate friends, and one of them is Major Lieutenant General in Politics in the State.

I find it very easy every where I go, to excite a strong feeling in your behalf. Your sentiments, and position reach the mind and heart readily, and as soon as understood carry irresistible conviction.

My opinion is, that Senator Hammond made his speech against Secession, and uttered his denunciations against the Secompton Ostrage, and Seward for the express purpose of getting the nomination for President, or perhaps he does not look so high, and done it to get the nomination for Vice President. In the latter, I hope he had his eye on you for President, and if he had

I do hope he will get the nomination for Vice President; I think Brinkley has flattered himself out, and I am glad of it. The tide of his manifest destiny has turned, and he will not for some time take another step upward on the political ladder. I think he is a Coward politically, and I am sick of Political Cowards. I enclose you an article clipped from "the Times" here, which may perhaps escape your notice. No Beaver ever laboured with more industry to build its dam, no ant with more diligence to prepare its winter quarters, and no Bee with more patient perseverance to gather its honey from every opening flower, than I shall labour and toil to secure your nomination at the Charleston Convention.

Yours faithful friend
R. W. Latham

P.S.

Should you wish at any time to write me direct your letter to Washington City.

P.S.

Recd

I congratulate you upon the unqualified rejection of the English Bill in Kansas. They have in Kansas appreciated your labours.

Recd

Aug. 9, 1846. R. W. Latham

Brooklyn August 9/58

Dear Cousin Stephen.

I am this day removed by Augustus Schell Esq. Collector of the Customs, from my place in the Custom House - I was Assistant Storekeeper - I was told by Mr. Lobdell, the Warehouse Superintendent, who has had charge of my department, that there was nothing whatever against me // that I had always done my work well, & that my political course had been also correct. =

// How is it Cousin - can any one aid you in your work? I have the gift of public speaking; & though not much of a political character, yet I think in a good cause such as I account yours to be, I could, after some little instruction make a rousing political speech. But perhaps you have all the aid of this kind that can be available. But if you think I could be of any essential use to you please let me know. - Direct to Greenwich.

Washington County, N.Y.

Yours affectionately,

Charles F. Porter

Chas. Pomeroy
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Aug 9/58

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Hannoverton Ohio.

James Kaley
wants you to let
him use your
name as reference
he is going to
commence practicing
Law &c &c
refer to Mr T.D.

Hannoverton 8ma 2/38

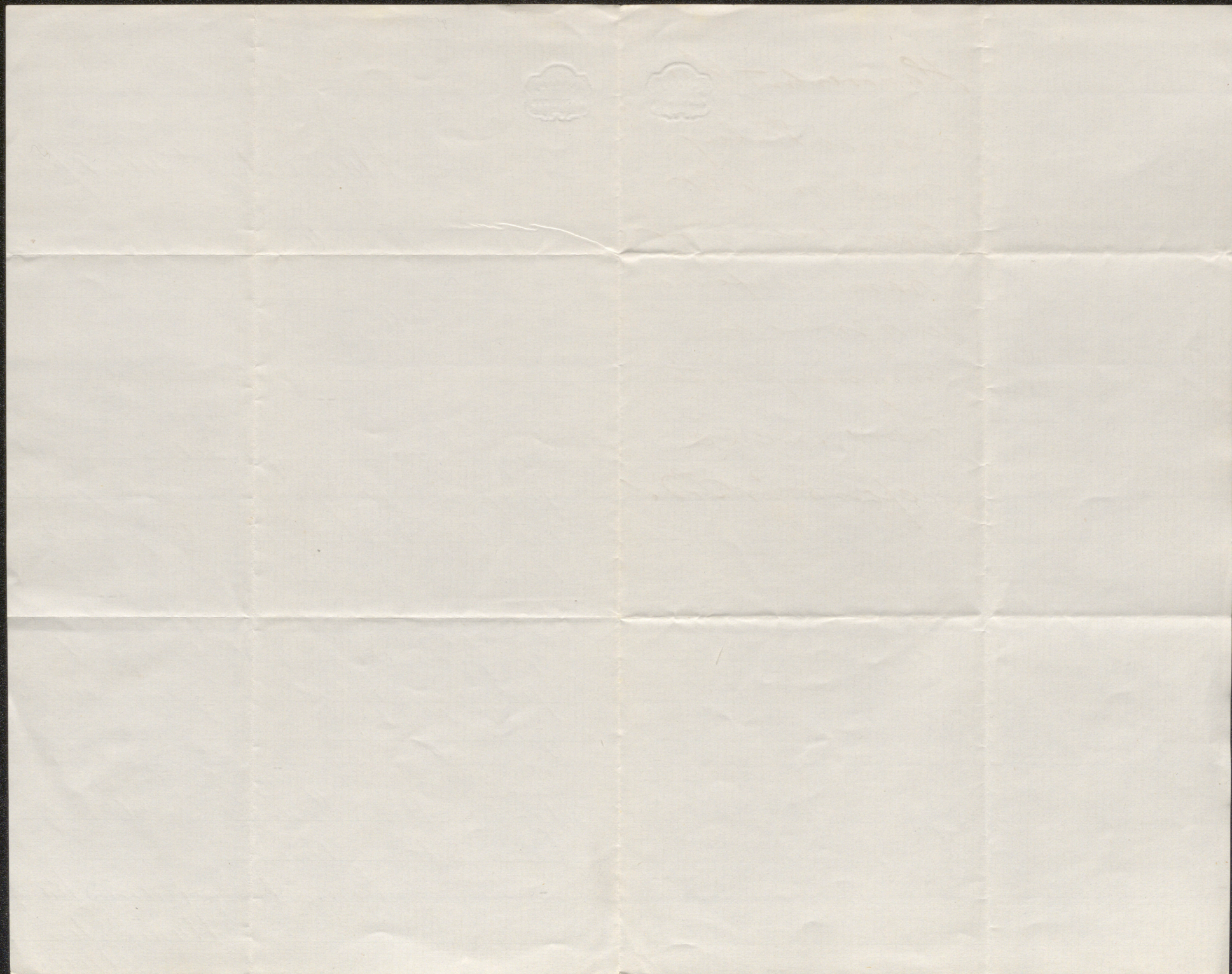
Hon. S. C. Douglas

Dear Sir

I am a
young man without
influence or position, and
propose to go to some point
in the West soon to practice
law. I shall feel very
thankful and highly honored
if you will grant me the
privilege of using your name
for reference.

If you wish you can refer
to the Hon. David Tod
Youngstown Ohio.

Yours truly James Kaley
Hannoverton
Ohio.



James O. [unclear]

Aug 9. 1857

Dear Judge.

Enclosed find the bills which

the fact I have marked will require an answer.
 & it ought to be given at once
 I am not posted in the respect with facts. My

impression was that the Journals file never

contained the submission clause, & that your

agency in the matter was to report his will

as a substitute for your own, Seward, McCall,

& perhaps others. Be kind enough to send me

what you may say in reply to this part of

McCall's ^{check}. I must give the answer now

but I have not got the documents.

Yours truly,

J. W. Theobald

Aug. 9. J. W. Sheahan

Chicago

Ill.

Trumbull's Speech.

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Pomoy House, Galesburg, Aug. 19, 1858.

Hon L. A. Douglass:-

One week ago yesterday, I left New York for this city, calculating to enter immediately upon the publication of a dem. paper. In passing through Chicago I was sorry, not to be able to see you. I came on here expecting to find all the arrangements perfected; you will readily conceive my disappointment, on arriving, to learn that hardly a step had been taken - my prospectus not even circulated. There are none here who understand or care take the lead in such matters. To me, it is a matter by no means surprising, that this County is so thoroughly abolition. There are good true democrats here; but, being in a minority they are afraid to act. Coming here a stranger, I cannot, of course, expect to build up a subscription & get a paper going in time to do good in this campaign.

Last Saturday, a gentleman from Peoria (Capt Woff, I think that is the name,) called on me & invited me to call on him at P. He says they are about starting an organ at that place & he will use his influence, to secure for me, its control. My friends here endorsed me, stated the fact of my having been connected with the N.Y. News, & having been forced

to withdraw from it, or compromise my convictions, in regard to the present issue. — The Capt stated he expected to meet you this week, whereupon I took the liberty of referring him to you, as you had kindly offered to assist & lend me your influence. Friday, Ford Barney & myself go to Peoria to meet the deities of that city & determine the matter. If I go to Peoria to publish a paper, I will enter immediately upon the work & will in addition, issue a campaign paper for this, Knox, Co. The idea is to print it in P & send it up here for circulation. In view of my having come here to print a clear paper, it would be a matter of chagrin for me to return unsuccessful. I do not think the folks here will do much — there are but a few who feel much interest in the enterprise, & they are men of limited means — Peoria is the only point presenting an opening, & with your assistance I can rest sure of it — without, it is doubtful. I shall await your action with anxiety —

Very Respectfully &c

J. M. Beebe

Aug. 10. J. W. W. Beebe
Galesburg
Ill.

no

Stephen A. Douglass to
19:25

Chicago August 11th 1858
 Hon Stephen A. Douglass
 Sir

We regret not having had the pleasure of an interview with you - We are now in this City on Business Connected with Mound City. There will be a public sale of Lots in Mound City on the 23rd and 24th of September next, you are probably but little acquainted with this city its antecedents & its present Connections - The City is a joint stock concern with some 1500 stockholders, scattered in several States, the majority however being Kentuckians - At the public sales the attendance of the stockholders from a distance is always large - We believed it would be a suitable occasion for you to visit Mound City and have an appointment on one of those days - We see you have accomplished one of those ~~of~~ days already but we still hope you can

change your appointments so as to
include Mound City at the time of
the sale. We can assure ^{you} a large
audience from Southern Illinois, together
with a great number of hearers, scattered
over all Kentucky & other states.

At the last Presidential election
Fillmore obtained the majority at M. C.
Buchanan however nearly tied
him - but of about 200 votes
the free soil vote was only 3 or 4.

Should you be able to re-cast
your appointments so as to make
an appointment at Mound City
on the 23 or 24th September, whatever
hours of the day you might wish
to occupy will be at your disposal.

Respectfully

Yours,

B. C. Cook

Mound City Co

A. V. S. Lindsley

Nashville Tenn.

Director M. C. Co.

Please direct your answer to Dr
B. C. Cook Mound City Ills.
A. V. S. L

Aug. 11. B. Cloats
Chicago

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Chicago

Private.

St Paul Min Aug 11. 1858

Hon S A Douglas
Sir,

I take the liberty of writing you now, as I have just taken the responsibility to serve you for the past 3 days in this city - accidentally I found myself here, & went up to the legislature in session - Yesterday was the day appointed by joint resolution to elect a U.S. Senator in place of Gen Shields - and our enquiry among some of my acquaintances (members) and your friends, I ascertained the unwelcome news that a Preconception man, Sibley or Steel (the latter of the snelling reputation) would beyond doubt be elected - Gen Shields was not here, and had written a letter declining reelection; (undoubtedly knowing that the chance was slim) Rice - Sibley - Steel - & Becker - representing the administration - its power & money had exerted a tremendous influence upon the Douglas & Shields Democrats - & those who were beyond price - were threatened; and almost silence - and not a single member had the boldness to meet the inquiry - the thing was universally given up - Steel was the more finally agreed upon - & as good as elected -

every republican member of the house, and
every Douglas Democrat gave it up -
I felt, How Sir, the effect upon the coming elec-
tion in Illinois and Yourself, and taking
the responsibility placed myself in the breach
and personally ~~the~~ assumed to be your
representative - The idea soon became known
and felt in that Trembling body, and
has had a glorious effect - Secessionism
is down - You are ~~so~~ nobly endorsed,
as undoubtedly you have seen, or soon will
see in print - Col A Robinson of this City
one of your true friends penned the Revolution
killing Secession & endorsing you & Shields at
my suggestion, the Hon Mr Clarke, a strong
Democrat moved it, and it carried, Ayes
43 - Noes 25 - Nine Democrats voting aye &
and after it passed, then those Danites who
were in the pay of Rice & Co, commenced an
exploration of their votes - & each one of their
leaders & proudly denied that he was in favour
of Secession - and also they said, and
publically too, that they were all your
friends politically! - Some went so far
as to laud I & Douglas & extravagantly - and
when one of them eloquently spoke of you,
applause followed applause - until the Chair
was forced to compel silence -

I am much obliged & have trust you

will overlook the egotism here displayed -
The Republicans - led on by their leaders
H. M. Shultz, (former Ed of Freeport Ill Journal) and
St & Balcorn Esq - did glorious service in
your behalf - They all voted for the resolution
endorsing Shields & Yourself - and are committed,
(It seems to me that this is so recorded aban-
donment of their party in Minnesota, however
it was certainly of great benefit to yourself
and you, of course will treat it accordingly)

It is currently, and I think truthfully
said here, that Vice President Breckinridge
in view of the presidency in 1860 has been
figuring with Rice, Gibby & Co - and that the
endorsement of Minnesota, of Secession &
the administration, was much clothed on by him.

I trust Sir you will excuse the
liberty I have taken in this particular - I could
not help it, and do what I considered a duty,
God knows I wish for your success in Illinois
for many reasons, but especially for the reason
that those thousands in the North who
batted your Mesour compromise repeal, may
once again have a true Democratic plat-
form on which to stand - and a champion
around whom they can rally -

Truly Yours friend

John A Thompson

Hon S A Douglas
Chicago
Illinois

Wm A Thompson
St Louis
Mo