

Springfield Oct 23

Dr. Luago.

I took particular pains, as soon as I got home on Friday morning, to speak to the Governor, on the subject of Pletics in Bloomington, and as I expected - the story, told us by Dr Hoover - was all boke - The Governor, was so annoyed by my report, that he immediately telegraphed - to the Head of Messes, on the road - and I am more than satisfied, that the Doctor, had an object of his own - in misrepresenting

the thing to us. I know
that I found, one of
the very men the Dr
said was against ~~us~~
us, advocating your
cause with great
zeal, after our Conversa-
-ion - and I have
not one doubt but that
all the W.R. men, who
joined in the demonstration
for you in the first of
the Campaign, are still
heartily with us, and
will be to the end.

Full of confidence
in everything

I remain
as ever Yours
J. S. Hume

J. B. Curran,
Springfield
Oct. 23 Ill.

Political

J. D. De Bow
Washington
Oct 23/58.

(Private)

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Offa De Bow Review

Wash Dc Oct 23. 1858

My dear Sir //

I take the liberty of
sending you a number of my Review
in which you will find a reference
to yourself. In common with the
most of the States rights men of the
South my sympathies are with you
Cordially in this struggle, whatever
differences of opinion may exist
between us on minor points. I shall
return soon to my old residence
in Louisiana to remain permanently

Yr friend &c

J. D. De Bow

Wm. L. Douglass

Chicago

Ill



[S. A. Douglas Papers]

Augusta Ga. Oct 23 1858.

Geo. W. Lamm
Augusta Ga.
Oct 23/58.
Answered Nov. 11

Dear Sir

The deep interest I feel for your success; induces me to write again merely to give you courage and confidence in what seems now to be, an inevitable result. and I now predict again!! that the members of the Convention from Georgia, to the next meeting in Charleston will be "Douglas men" and unless the current changes, it will require no effort to produce that result, as the Democracy are being enlightened as to the true causes of the foray being made against you, by the Federal organs throughout the country.

In the beginning of the contest lastly lost in the Senate you had no paper here to sustain you. & but few, very few friends but now our chief & most influential paper the "Constitutionalist" has fallen into the right line & is doing services that will tell, and show its mark in time. & what is better still, the whole map of the Party seems to be turning out having a strong fight for the "Delegates" and with such leaders as are now committed success will be

June. It would be of advantage, and
has been suggested by many here, that
a passing visit to or from Washington would
add much to your strength. If you can
so arrange it at any time, to pass by
here, I wish let me know in time, say
a few days only; we can have an audi-
-ence without difficulty, and will give
you a warm & hearty welcome, & what
is better, the vote of the State when
the time arrives for electing delegates //

I will add my best wishes for
your success in the present campaign, and
my certain belief in the result of
1860.

Yours very Respectfully,
Geo. W. Leman

P.S. // It is reported & believed, that
Powers & Stephens are out for you &
will enter the field in proper time //

E. S. A. Douglas Papers

Gilmans 25th October 1858Hugh C. Meagher Esq^r
Chicago

Sir/

I am instructed to inform you that - at a regular Meeting of the Douglas Club of Gilmans, held on the 23rd Instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted -

Resolved "That Hugh C. Meagher Esquire, of Chicago having, on the occasion of Judge Douglas' recent visit to Chicago, presented this Club with a most costly National Flag as well as a large number of smaller decorative ones - The Club to mark its appreciation of his generous donation and the same Douglas feeling that dictated the act, now instructs the Secretary to convey to Hugh C. Meagher, Esquire its heartfelt thanks for his munificence -

It is needless, Sir, to say that the Flags will be looked upon as mementos of your adherence to the most popular Political Doctrines of the State of Illinois and we only hope that years will give strength to the breeze which will spread these Doctrines like healthful Comets inoculating every State now adverse to them

I have the honor to be
Sir

Daniel Suggan V. S.
John Mulvaney. Treasurer
Addison P. Lyon May Count

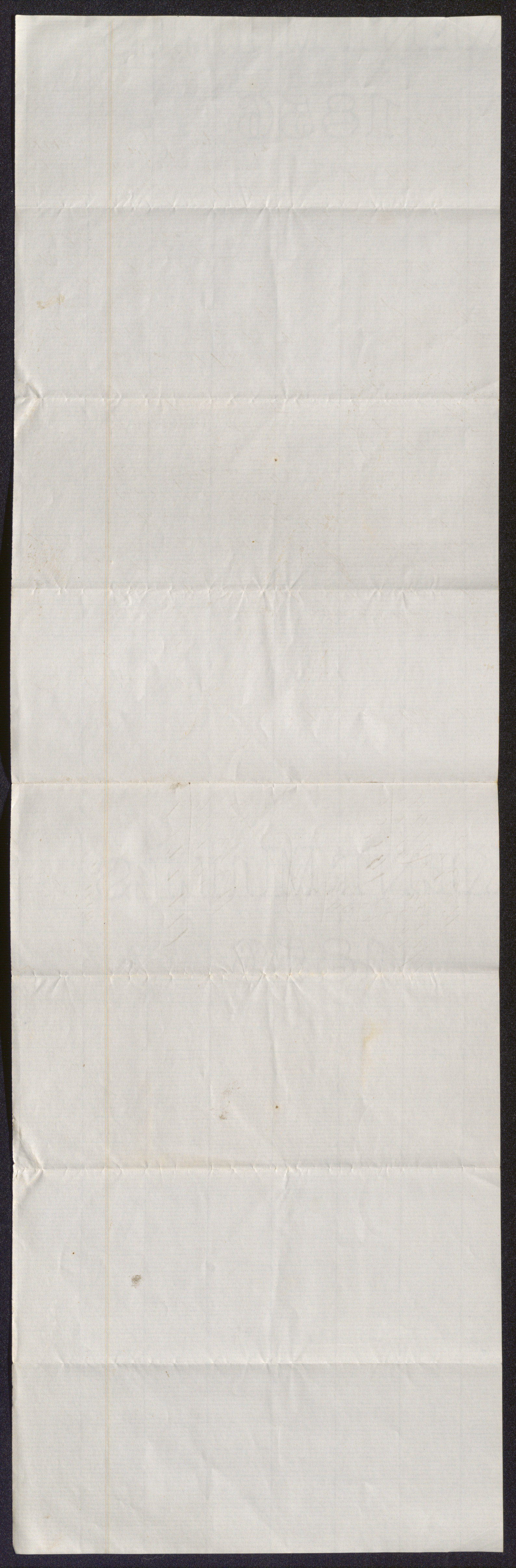
Yours Obedt Serv^t
Frank J. Sims
Secy of Douglas Club
Gilmans -

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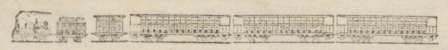
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Goshen, Ind. Dec 25 1858

Wm. S. A. Douglas
My Dear Sir

I addressed you while living at Ainsworth Station near Chicago in regard to Calumet Post Office & having met with good success at that time. I take the liberty of addressing you again although on a different object however

My object now is to request of you if you think proper the honor of placing my name upon your list for the distribution of Public documents during Session of Congress. Such a favor from you would be considered one of the greatest honors I could meet with. I had the pleasure of receiving many from you while living in Illinois & also have a friend in Genl Ticket Office of this road who is an active warm friend of yours

answered

who wishes me to include him in my
request for the same favor. his address
is "O. W. Dawson Toledo Ohio"

The Democrats
in this Vicinity are all warm friends of
yours. I might include the Office holders
Depty. U. S. Marshall & T. M. but perhaps it
is not "proper" to do so. there is a general
good feeling among the Democracy here
in regard to the Anti-Scampton Societies
in this & other States. the Democrats
are united here but are Universally in
favor of your Re-Election & are opposed
to the opposition. you and the Democratic
party of Illinois as well other States
have to meet with in your efforts
to maintain the right & defeat the
wrong. but all your friends are quite
confident that the Democracy of Ill
will meet with success in the coming
contest against all opposition. Confided

please excuse all liberties as
well as all imperfections & believe
me to be your sincere friend
and well wisher

Wm B. Martin

Pointe Cafer
Oct 26th 1850

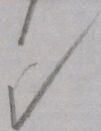
Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I write one page, just
to assure you that thousands of Democrats
South sympathize with you in
your present contest - While many
of us differ with you on some points,
yet we cannot question your
patriotic democracy & I for one
know the course of the "Union"
and I pray God to prosper your
cause - Your defeat in Illinois
enures the defeat of the National
Democracy - I am in humble
life - a plain sugar planter
and nothing more than a member
of the Louisiana Legislature - It is
true I take an active part in the poli-
tics of the state, but am not conspi-
cuous enough for my name to have
reached you - notwithstanding this I
hope you will accept this letter as
evidence of true regard & high admira-
tion from
Yours truly
H. L. Claiborne //

Oct. 26.

H. L. Claiborne
Point Coupee
La

Answered
Nov. 9



Chicago Oct 26th 1858

Dear Sir

We have at length received the usual course of intelligence, that the Governor, yielding to that spirit of political intolerance which characterizes his official conduct has inequitously given your competitor John T Stuart a certificate of his election as a member of Congress for this District.

Your friends in this portion of the District, have seen with undissimulated indignation the ~~election~~ election of Mr. Stuart's election by a majority of "five" votes over you, while they are all convinced have, received a ~~majority~~ majority of more than thirty votes over him.

Under the firm conviction, that a majority of the citizens of this District have been cheated out of their rights, and believing too that in Republics the majority have the right to rule; (an essential feature in our Government) we concur in recommending you to contest Mr. Stuart's right to a seat in the next Congress. And hope in that view you have taken the preliminary steps by giving notice within the proper time & if any such are necessary.

And finally what it shall be necessary for you to go to Washington for that purpose, we spontaneously pledge ourselves to furnish you such pecuniary & other aid, as may be necessary to enable you successfully to vindicate not only your own individual, but the people's sacred political rights.

Wm Strover
J. C. Coopers
James Smith
Henry Blum
Ben F. C. H.
John C. Libson

Edw. Beck
H. B. Clarke
William Jones
Byram King
G. H. Churchman
Luther Nichols

Thos J McComb
E. N. Churchill
W. B. Babb
Geo. I. Hurst
Samuel Jackson
J. Handy Jr.
J. Walker
J. Walker
L. Kimball
Solomon Taylor
C. Perkins
James O'Brien
John Gray
John S. Kavanagh
Wm O'Harpe.
Saml S. Lowe
J. W. Sherman
W. B. Gavin
J. E. Brady
E. L. Thrall
W. M. Gould
Edward Smith
James Barry
John Larkin
Chas M Gray
Joseph Fling
Michael Lyons
Michael Conway
Stephen Mahon
Edward Conway
John Collan
Edward Hanlon
John Brown

C. S. Kimbrey
C. Graves
Capt. H. L. Brown
George Cato
Henry Bailey
John M. Mott
C. D. York
Jeremiah Ware
Dan Heagerty
Ean Sullivan
Wm Shean
Patrick Carthy
Thomas Waffinger
Eugene
Edward Murphy
J. G. Howbridge
Andrew Bailey
John Shugly
Martin O'Connor
Patrick Harris
Edward J. Harvey
Francis L. Laff
James M. Laff
J. H. Harvey
Isaac H. Light
Patrick Egan
James E. Egan
Albert G. Laff
J. M. Laff
E. D. Laff
J. Laff
William Laff

Richard Murphy
J. Laff
C. Laff
Samuel Laff
R. D. Woodward
J. Laff
Thos. Laff
E. W. Laff
Nicholas Laff
Walter Laff
B. H. Laff
C. Laff

Mon. Stephen A. Douglass
Springfield
Illinois

Francis A. Wood
West Harford
Delaware Co
Pa

Oct. 24 - 1858

want autograph

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West Harford
Oct. 27th 1858

Dear Sir,

Will you be so
kind as to furnish me with
your autograph, and very
much oblige,

Yours with best
wishes for your success
Francis A. Wood

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Present,



CLERK'S OFFICE,
CIRCUIT COURT, U. S. E. DIST. OF PA.

Philadelphia, October 28 1858

My dear Sir.

Although it may be a matter
of my little consequence to you or to any body,
I cannot refrain from expressing to
you now, before the election in Illinois
takes place, the deep interest, which,
as an humble individual, I take
in the result of the election in your
State. My earnest prayer is that
you may come out victorious. And
this is the prayer, as I earnestly
believe, of two Hundred Thousand
Democrats in Pennsylvania. Strong
as I know you were in the opinion of
the people of this State, I confess I have
been most agreeably surprised by the
developments, which our late election
has brought out. But when this point
you may have more leisure to listen
and I to write, hereafter.

Whatever may be the result in Illi-
nois, it will be to you, my dear Sir,
a triumph. If you succeed, your
friends (and you have more of
them than any public man living
in this country) will heartily
rejoice. If defeated, it will only be a
slight wound, inflicted by a
treacherous blow. A defeat, brought
about by such means, will be no
defeat. It will do as much
for you as a victory. It will
commence you more than even
to the warm sympathy and
regard of your countrymen -
and to none more than your democ-
ratic fellow citizens in this State.

With the best wishes for your
welfare

I am yours into the
highest regard

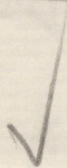
Bray. Patton

New Station at Chicago }

Oct. 28. B. Patton

Phila

Answered no. 12



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John B. Cochran

Answered

Shelbyville Ky. Octo 24th 1858

Dep:

Some time last winter when such
tremendous exertions were being made
to crush you, for your independant and
noble stand in behalf of Popular So-
vereignty and in opposition to Executive
Dictation - when I am sorry to say
the South forgetful of your long and
eminent services in defence of her
Constitutional rights, was so ungrate-
ful as to malign your motives and
abuse your conduct - you may perhaps
remember to have received a note
from one of her truest sons applan-
ding your conduct & assuring you
that you had at least one friend
here who would never desert you
myself - "But who are you" I re-
ply you say - I am no office seeker I
assure you - a plain, unpretending

Lawyer, who I trust will always
have the courage to stand by
the right - even if alone. But I
cannot feel alone when such
men as Will and Garney are
with me.

But the object of this note is
simply to send you the glad
news, that I am sure there is an
awakening disposition throughout
the South to retract the hard things
said about you last winter, & to do
you eventually justice. The conduct
of that corrupt and mendacious
sheet the Union, and of the
Administration Reports in your State
during your present mighty strug-
gle is touching the popular heart
here. The people here now under-
stood the Secompton issue properly.
They were for a while made to be-
lieve that your opposition was because
of the slavery clause.

The great injury done you here
was by that false issue. Now that
the passions of the people are becoming
cool - they begin to understand the
true issue - and to evince a dispo-
sition to do you justice. Time will
fully prove the policy and vindicate
the justice of your course on the Secompton
question. Had the President been
true to his pledge and to our party
creed, the Democratic party would
not have met such a disastrous
overthrow last week among the
mountains of Pennsylvania and
on the plains of Ohio & Indiana.
The fact is no party can take the
position the President did, & live.
I cannot imagine how he was ever
persuaded to adopt so fatal a
policy, unless on the ground
that when a man becomes
President, he necessarily becomes
a fool. //

But I will close - My only object
in writing was to say "Be of good
cheer": That I truly hope you may
be triumphantly sustained in Illinois -
that our southern people are
beginning to return to their
old feeling of regard for you -
in a word that "Douglas stock"
is rising in Kentucky - and that
come weal or woe, there are yet
some brave and great hearts who
will not desert you,

Hoping you will forgive a "stranger
friend" for his intrusion -

I am most truly
Yours S. A. Douglass } Mrs. B. Cochran

P.S. Hon. J. H. Sewell M. C. from Ky.
can tell you who I am. This reference
is simply as a proof of good faith -
The extract I send you herewith, is from
the pen of your good friend Horney
of the Louisville Democrat. Here is my
ticket for 1865. "Douglas & Wise."

Salt Lake City Utah. 5
Oct 29. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate.

Sir! Will you do me
the favor to forward me by mail to this place
any speeches, reports, or other documents that
may be made during the approaching term
of Congress which you deem of value or
interest — My excuse for making this request
of you is a want of personal acquaintance
with any member of the present Congress,
and if I may avail myself of my opinions
as an excuse for troubling ^{you}, allow me to add an
admiration of your career above that of any
other Statesman in the Country.

Salt Lake City is perfectly quiet as is the entire
Territory as far as I know. The numerous whitemen
may be said of their religion and former
refusal to submit to the laws, are generally
a sober moral & industrious people, pursuing
peaceably and in quiet their various vocations and
as far probably from disorder & crime as any
other equal number of people in the world.
I have no doubt that they have been traduced
and maligned in many of the reports that
have gone out against them, at least they should

The offenses of the Minnons against law and
a sense of morals elsewhere is certainly great
enough without charging them with deeds
or crimes of which they are not guilty

With the highest Consideration & respect
I am &c &c Yours
Stephen D. Wolfe

Stephen A. Myles
Salt Lake City
Utah
Oct 29-1898
Description want
Puh. 8005

Sharnokin.

Non-Stop. Douglass.

Northumberland Co
Penn
Oct. 30/58.

My Dear Sir - This will reach you probably, when the election in Illinois is just over -

Altho always noting the Democratic Ticket during my life, yet for some ten years, taking but little interest in politics, I could not repress my most lively interest in the great Contest now going on between the Government & the People, & especially as it manifested in Illinois. In common with the great mass of the Dem. party in Penn., I have felt a deep anxiety for your success & I trust, under the direction of a wise Providence, the victory in Illinois will be awarded to truth & patriotism & yourself -

Now the Democratic Union & heart of the East North & West is directed to you as the

Next Dem. Candidate for The
Presidency - & the South is strongly setting
in, in the same direction - & this feeling
will not be changed by the result
of the election in Illinois, even if
it should be adverse to you -
Indeed I believe, defeat, under
all the circumstances, would arouse
& arm the whole Democracy for
a more determined struggle &
lead them on to a more
brilliant victory -

If defeated, do not be
discouraged - Your final victory
is certain - You will triumph in
1860, or live as you live -

Very faithfully
Your friend
Wm. L. Helfenstein

Oct 30.

Wm L. Helfenstein

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Answered Nov 11

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