

Strictly Confidential.

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Richmond. Nov 9th 1858.

Dear Sir.

// I see Control, influence and ownership of the Richmond Examiner, by Mr Robert W. Hughes, of the Washington Union, closed on yesterday, and the editorial management of the paper, until the return of Mr John M. Daniel, will be entirely in my hands. I have signified this long desired authority by an article upon the recent elections in Illinois which I shall follow up by similar editorials. Your splendid triumph - despite the efforts of the administration - is every where hailed in this state with joy. //

I enclose the article to which I have referred and beg your pardon.

Very truly your friend.

J. H. Hunt.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

P. Henry Aylitt
Richmond
Nov 9th 58

Answered
Nov 17/58

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Rev J A Douglas

New Orleans Nov. 9 1858.
 Hon. S. A. Douglas
 Dear Sir

I am sure you will not think the less of my congratulations that they are a little late. You know full well that my sympathies as a democrat and a friend have been with you throughout the whole of your noble struggle. The triumph you have achieved over public and private enemies is indeed great and in itself is more cause for gratulation than the possession of the highest office to which you might attain. We all felt that in Illinois the battle of the Democracy was being fought & that with your defeat our party was gone. While your success has not only stemmed but rolled back the tide of fanaticism & placed beyond a doubt the certainty

Nov. 10. F. H. Clarke
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of the success of our party. As your friend again you will not misunderstand me when saying that I rejoice over your success as an earnest of your future and as a triumph over bitter personal rivals and enemies.

I regretted that I did not have an opportunity of seeing you while I was in St Louis about the 19th ult. I had almost hoped to have done so having written to you & having heard you were expected there.

I wrote to Quincy & to Chicago last summer, and in one of the letters requested you to tell me whereabouts I could reach you - I fear however my letters must have miscarried - through fault of mails & of postmasters.

That your friends in this section have not been idle you may be sure, and at my instance I beg to en-

close extracts from the "True Delta" of this City, bearing upon your late contest - This paper I may say with confidence will come vigorously to your support and I am not exaggerating nor over-weening in my confidence when I state that it can do you more good than any paper in this section of country. Concert of action is all important to us and as far as you think proper we would wish to know your plans & course & be able to speak to the public with confidence. Your friends here ~~there~~ would wish you to communicate through myself if you think proper, your sentiments - I need hardly tell you so much more experienced than myself of the advantage of having this support; it is a support too derived from yourself & your noble manly courage, as well as perfect confidence in your steadfastness to ~~truth~~

True Democratic principles. It is a result
I have long laboured for; and I am now
glad that they acknowledge I was
right from the beginning. Anything
you know full well you may
communicate to me in secret and
only so much as you say will be
communicated. My feelings of
gratitude to you on my father's
account make me your friend
in the first instance, and nothing
could offend that from my heart
your course to myself has but
made me stronger your friend.
I tell you then, anything that can
be done here by me for you, you
can command; and when I say
that the paper I refer to will
support ^{you} I think I can be of
service. I see your confi-
dence only so far as you choose
to give it; but I shall work any-
how - with it I could work to
more advantage - at any rate
let me hear from you fully.

Please send me such
speech or speeches as fully define
your course in Congress & in the
late contest. & as quickly as conve-
nient, for immediate use. The Reil
where with me & receive my kindest
regards. Your friend
Wm. L. Chapin

New York Nov 9. 1858

My Dear Sir,

Let me congratulate you upon your very earned victory. I rejoice over it from the depths of my heart.

I enclose a series of resolutions adopted by the democratic organization in my Congressional district and place in your hands for transmission.

When do you expect to reach New York on

you may wish?

Yours Very truly

H. P. Clark

Wm L. A. Douglas

Horace F. Clark
New York
Nov 9/88

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Tiskilwa Ill Nov 9th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

My Democratic friends desire that I should address you and inform you of my recent removal from the Post Office at this place and that the same has gone into the hands of one of the immortal three of this place who claim that in them are embodied all the democratic principles in this country

My friends as well as myself feel outraged about the matter especially since the people of Illinois have declared in thunder tones that you and your friends are still democrats, and demand that I should be reinstated.

If necessary I can get the names and influence of nineteen out of every twenty persons who use this office in favor of my being retained in the same. I am the only Post Master in this county that has not "caved" and because I would not desert the principles of the party I have had

to walk the plank since I last saw
you which was when you spoke at
Hennepin; in fact I was informed
on the morning before we started to
to Hennepin to attend your meeting if
went over then that it would cost me
my commission

My friends claim that if
there is to be any repetition that my
case should be noticed

Will you have the
kindness to inform me if there is any
probability of any thing being done in
those matters

I am yours Truly

J. T. Cook L. P. M.

Nov. 9. J. L. Cook,
Oiskilman,
Ill.

Answered
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Summit Ohio Nov 9-1858

Hon S A Douglas

Chicago Ill

Dr Sir

Will you be so kind as to inform
me by telegraph or letter what day you
will be through here and if you can what
train on your way to Washington
by so doing you will greatly

Oblige
yours

A J Dickinson

Nov. 9. A. J. Dickinson
Fremont,
Ohio.

Answered
Nov. 10

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Nov. 9. E. S. Goodrich
St Paul
Minn.



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Post Office, St. Paul,
Nov. 9 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Chicago:

Let me introduce to your acquaintance, R. F. Houseworth, Esq., of this city, as a gentleman holding a reputable position in our society - as a reliable Democrat, and as a steadfast friend of yourself. He is worthy any attention which your leisure will allow you to bestow upon him, and I beg to commend him to your regards.

Very truly Your friend
E. S. Goodrich



81 Ninth St.
New York. Nov 9. 1858

Mr Stephen A Douglass :-

At a few days since, I innocently addressed a letter to the editor of the Daily Times of this city, defining your position, as in accordance with the conservative feelings of the great body of the people, & calling upon the democracy to rally in your name, & upon the popular sovereignty platform. This letter drew out a reply from a Seward partisan signing himself briefly, an answer to which I inclose herewith. The controversy has assumed a character which galls the friends of Seward, and even the N. Y Herald has let off some of its sleeping thunder to cheer the hopes of the Administration. I am firmly persuaded that by a judicious use of the popular feeling, the plans of Seward

Mr. G. Chas. C. Warren
N. Y.

Received Nov. 11

can be overthrown, and the South,
together with a suppremit
majority in the north, rallied
upon your platform. The Repub-
licans are evidently disappointed
in your splendid success, and
will go in to the campaign
with less enthusiasm than
Howard's Manifesto would seem
to indicate. I stand ready to
take a position in your behalf,
and if you will keep me
supplied with the necessary
data, I will wage a cautious
newspaper warfare, and gradually
organize & consolidate the
party in this city. It can
be done, & the movement
must be inaugurated now //

Respy. Yours

Chas. E. Havens.

W. address 81. 9th St.

If Any newspaper position you choose
to assign me, I will endeavor to
fill to the best of my ability

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Can you send me a copy of your
Freeport Speech. I shall defend in some
articles the position you there took.
Loringville Nov 9 1858

My Dear Sir:
[S. A. Douglas Papers]

I arrived from Europe just
in time to rejoice at the glorious issue
of your hardly fought canvass in Illinois.
You know not how often & much
in distant lands my heart beat
with hope or desponded with doubts ~~at~~
the fate of this memorable & strange
conflict. And now I am anxious that
the moral effect of your victory
may be still heightened by a large
demonstration in your behalf in Louis-
iana - Can you not come to New Orleans
this winter or before Congress opens -

We will give you a Bangnet which
shall form an era in our politics. It will
be a good period to organize your friends
in the South & secure for us Louisiana &
Texas & Ala & Miss & Tenn in the Charleston
Convention. And I do trust & believe that
the cordial relations which ever exist-
ed between you & the State Right Demo-
cracy of the South may soon be restored
in spite of Cobb, Stidell & the President.
Let me hear from you ^{here or} at New Orleans where I go on 13th.
My highest regards for Washington & believe me
as ever Yours
Logan McKnight -



Mr. G. Logan McKnight
Lomaxville

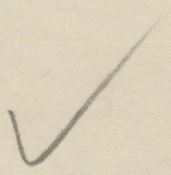
St. Louis

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Mr. J. C. W. Payson
Andover,
Mass.

Answered Nov 12



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Andover Mass.
Nov 9th '58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass-

Dear Sir -

Allow me to congratulate you on your noble and glorious victory in Ill. although in Mass. yet I cannot refrain, now that the victory is certain and the smoke of the battle has rolled away in the blue distance, from giving vent to my pent up feelings and mingling my voice with the victorious shouts of the whole West (one of whose sons I am) over the triumph of our noble Democrat and true patriot -

Of the many beneficial results arising from it none gives me greater pleasure than that independence in politics has been encouraged, sustained and rewarded by it -

// Its effects on the campaign of

of 1860 are decisive — to my mind there
is no doubt but that Mr Douglas
will be our next president, at
least let him be the nominee of
the Charleston convention and the
hearts of the people will leap for joy,
and the young Democratic hosts
thereof, by that token, go forth conquer-
ing and to conquer, placing him by
their efforts on the 4th day March '60
in the Presidential chair, and sending
Seward or any other Republican nominee
for the Presidency up Salt River to
keep company with Fremont —

Hoping you will excuse the
liberty I have taken of writing to
you, which, as being the son of
your old and firm friend H. B. Payne
of Ohio, I have taken the liberty
to do — and with many wishes
for your future success — I am
with much respect. yr. obedient servant,

H. B. Payne.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Avenue House

Washington City, Nov^r 9th 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir

I left Indianapolis on the Day of your election. Arrived in Philadelphia at the time the good news from your State began to come in, & reached this city simultaneous with the assurances that you had carried the State. There is unbounded satisfaction manifested here, as every where to all appearances, on account of your success. Mr Nicolson has had great influence here in changing the policy of the administration ^{toward you}, & has written you this day, as he tells me that the Union retires from the contest. I have seen Gov Brown of Miss & A Rust of Arkansas, Banks Pijor & many others, all seem joyous, & are enthusiastic in their expressions of admiration of your course, & the manner in which you conducted the canvass in Illinois. Have you seen the Platform on which Pijor places you. It has generally been noticed by the Press. I desire to see you before you come east, & will ~~come~~ go to Chicago soon after my return to Indianapolis. I have much to communicate with regard to the condition of things in our State, & the prospects of our

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Indiana
friends in ~~Illinois~~. We desire to counsel with you
or hear your suggestions, with regard to the manner
that we shall shape our course. Bright is understood
to be hostile to the Sentinel newspaper for ~~the~~ its ac-
tion towards you in the late canvass. Being so
fully occupied it may have escaped your attention
that it was exceedingly hostile & bitter in its de-
nunciation of the Union for its suicidal policy.
Since the Election I notice it is jubilant over your
success & without reserve speaks of it as a triumph
over a combination, alluding to the parties of which
the Coalition was composed. Bright is exceedingly
wroth, at this manifestation of sympathy towards you -
I now anticipate a widening of the crack & would
not be disappointed if the paper became fully and
publicly enlisted in the service of your friends. Much
consultation should be had among those in our
interests. I have advised all to wait until you
could be consulted with regard to future operations.
You are aware that Bright & Fitch Robinson Willard
Highes & Co have an army of office holders in that
State & that politics & the management of political
conventions is their chief business. They have this sum-

mer been exceedingly anxious that your leading friends
should place themselves outside of the organization, but
they have not done so. I hope to have an opportunity
to communicate with you soon verbally, & confer fully, as
your friends desire to know your wishes, & will act upon
your suggestions. You should also know precisely the
sentiment of the people, the agents which control their ac-
tion in different localities, as well as the individual
ments of both friends & foes. Some of our friends in their
anxiety to defeat the wishes of Bright ^{have been} too unwilling
to fight on the defensive, & have occasionally tempo-
rarily injured our cause. The more prudent ones have
usually contrabanded, & we are stronger now, inside of the
organization than we would have been if opposite
counsels had have prevailed. All however had united,
in one determination, that in the event of your defeat
by the Coalition, we would have rallied to your flag &
followed it whenever ~~you~~ it would have been neces-
sary to rebuke them and vindicate you. Hoping
to see you soon. I am

Truly Yours

Amos S. Pierce

Nov. 9

W. S. Pierce

Washington

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Nov. 9. E. Taylor,
Detroit,
Mich.

Answered
Nov. 10

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Detroit Nov. 9, 1858

Hon. S. T. Douglass
Sir -

The Democratic party of Michigan and almost every individual in that party, have sympathized with you, in the recent contest in Illinois. They rejoice in your triumph. The meanness of Mr Buchanan and his flatterers will never be effaced from our memory.

There was an administration more entirely & deservedly disgraced, than this, has been by the people.

Two years ago I invited you, on behalf of the Democratic State Central Committee to speak to us in this State, but other engagements at home commanded your attention.

Your host of friends here now
desire to have you stop at De-
-troit on your journey to Washing-
-ton. and speak to the People
and if you can do so. a formal
invitation from the appropri-
-ate source will be sent to
you.

At what time do you
intend to leave Chicago for
Washington?

Very Respectfully Yours
Elisha Taylor

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Nov. 9, 1858

Senator Stephen A Douglas

Honored Sir,

I take pleasure to congratulate you to ^{the} triumph you and your principles achieved in your own State. I hope the Democracy will shape their future policy in accordance with the lessons they have lately received in almost all the northern states.

By referring to a paper of mine which I hereby send you, you will see that I fought with the democracy in favor of your policy in regard to slavery and territories. Had not Graesbeck voted for the English bill and were we not decrised here, because the English organ is pledged to the administration and the German organ to the Catholic Church, which the people well know, the victory would have been ours.

It is well understood now, that you have the first claim and best chance to the presidency in 1860, but the papers dare not say so. I did, because I am fully independent. I think you should have an organ in this central city, which now in as a weekly runs over this entire West and South West, and after a year or so as a daily marks in your favor.

To this purpose I can offer you these
advantages: 5000 directions in all parts
of the United States, which we have in
our book and an established reputation
as a journalist.

Such a paper should be edited
with special reference to the German
population, in a style as they like to read,
but not German; for the educated portion
of Germans read English and they lead.
I know their taste and have for years
given them satisfaction.

If you think this proposition
worth while, consider about it and let
me know the result.

As regards influence my Chicago
correspondents, Greenbaum especially, can
inform you, if you think it worth while
to inquire.

Most respectfully

Isaac H. Wise
Edit. Israel. Edel

Cincinnati, November 9, 1858

Wm W Wise
Cincinnati
Nov 9/58.

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