



Confidential

Petersburg Jan 2nd 1857.

My dear Guide:

I have taken the pains
to put the Russian feeling of Virginia pretty
thoroughly in regard to yourself. So long as you
stay in the grounds you have chosen and now
occupy you will not be injured & your
course. You may be for a time but the storm
will be transient. There is nothing practical
to the South in the way of advantage to be
gained by the course it is taking and
against which you are arrayed. My keep
cool. and in good spirits - and there will
be a returning spirit of justice through
the South. Exhibiting itself in a very short
time. The reaction has already taken place
They are now more for Walker in Missouri
than they do for Kansas. which they are such
beginning to regard as hopelessly lost. Bear
with our people. & it will be all right. //
I will come immediately to see you when I reach
Washington which will be in a day or two
Your friend cordially
A. D. Banks.

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A. D. Banks

Peterburg

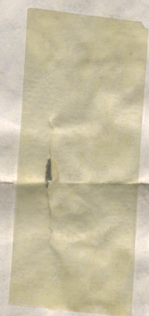
Jan'y 2/54, Va

action taking place

you can nothing in Va

will see you in a few days

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H. J. Graham
Jan. 2/59 N. Y.

asking an interview
when you were in N. Y.

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Metropolitan Hotel
Jan 2nd /59
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Being on my way to Washington with important commissions from the Settlers on the head waters of the Platt, the newly discovered Gold regions of Kansas & Nebraska and wishing your advice upon some important steps to be taken before I leave here; I wish if not intruding too much upon your time to have an interview with you before you leave the City. If agreeable please name a time & I will meet you & explain.

Yours truly
Hon S. A. Douglas H. J. Graham
Respect,

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Rock Island Jan 3^d 1859

Dear Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

If you remember I informed you when you was at this place in November last that I was one of the Preemptors to the Island of Rock Island - I am informed that Mr Hendricks, Commissioner of the Genl Land office, has decided that the Preemption claims have rights to be respected. & These are Contesting Claimants to each legal Subdivision of the Island - Commonly called here the Lindsley Party & the Brackett Party. I belong to the Brackett Party - I am told that District Attorney Fitch of Chicago has been paid by Lindsley to advocate this party interests with persons in Washington -

J B Danforth Jr has from the beginning leagued himself with Lindsley - both Fitch & Danforth I learn are now Political Enemies of yours - the Lindsley Party are trying to prejudice me & others of my party with men at Washington by making false statements as to our character & designs - Judge M Blair, is our Counsel

at Washington: & both Fitch & Sanborn
have been to him to try & inspire our claims.
Mr Blair writes that he was not to be turned
aside from the duty he had undertaken as our
aid & Counsel by what they had said to him.

If you could assist me as the
party represented by Judge Blair in securing
our rights, by friendly Counsel to him as
to us, he assured that the obligation will
be amply repaid to you by your

Friend & Admirer
Henry M. Adams

P.S. I am the Mr Adams to whom you was
invited, to see the pro-claimant of the
Island City Hotel on the 29th of November
last. Mrs Adams sends her kind
regards to your self & Lady -
H. M. A

H. M. Adams
Rock Island
Jan. 3. 54. Ill.

In reference to
preemption claims
on R. I.

Answered

Upper Alton

Hon Steven A Douglass

Jan, 3^d / 59

Sim i take the liberty of writing to you if you would be so kind to send me the Patent Office Reports for this Session or some other documents will be thankfully received as i have no other person to apply to since the election i was a strong American to this fall but the course you have taken has got you a great many friends in Upper Alton and Madison County generally the most of us being opposed to Black Republicanism

yours &c
John Adams

P. S. direct Upper Alton

John Adams
Upper Alton
Madison Co

Feb. 3- Ill.

asking Patent of
Report.

San Francisco. 3^d. Jan'y. 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:

Having changed my place of business and being desirous of learning of your progress and hopes for the future I have again thought proper to address you, that I may in the future, be favored with receiving your published speeches.

I was at St Louis, the day the election took place in Missouri, and can well say I was glad the morning after to learn enough, to know, all was right, and that you, despite the efforts of the administration were again to represent Missouri, in the United States Senate, for a term of six years, unless as I desire, and the people unite to make you our next President.

After leaving St Louis, I journeyed through a number of the Southern States, and there found but a few dissenting voices, against my fond wish, leaving the future to that straight forward course you have ever followed in the matters of the Kansas and Nebraska act.

Here, where official patronage is so great, that almost every third person is in the employ of government, it is not strange that they

are bound by former advice to oppose you.

In conversation with W. Monson Register of the Land Office here also Mr. Bradford of the Stockton office, I found them both from friends of yours, but Mr. Rankin recently from the great Pennsylvania, unable to say more, giving his true "vibe" I found very bitter, and I would think him in a better condition home than here, providing the Honl. U.S. Senate thinks proper ^{not} to confirm his appointment.

The confirmation of the proper officers will have much to do with your coming contest for the year 1860. Therefore I would advise that such as do not vie with you where they can be, that their heads may be chopped off in season.

Be kind enough to forward through the mail, to my address the latest published document with maps of the surveyed public lands

I have strong hope for the future for thee. I am very respectfully

Yours &c &c

Albert L. Collins

Albert

Alfred L. Collins
San Francisco

Jan. 3. Cal.

Political

Answered

March 27

Tramway Station P. Office Cape Fear Co. Va
 Orange & Alb. Rail Road
 Jan'y 3rd 1858. [1859]

Wm Stephen A. Douglass

My Dear Sir

As a warm personal
 al & political friend I address you this note with
 the enclosed slip cut from the Richmond Enquirer
 Since I have withdrawn as a candidate for
 Great Gov of Va. In 1855 whilst a resident
 of the Valley in Seckers district, 10th Legion, &
 again at Petersburg. I was a State Senator
 in 1855 & did not wish to resign my seat from
 my private affairs & domestic afflictions, pre-
 vented me from accepting the nomination a
 second time when offered me.

I want you to know my position by Va. I send
 you the note & slip from Enquirer. (We can't
 elect any man for President in 1860 either
 West North or South who is identified with the
 administration on the Secession from Kansas
 You don't understand me. Wise friends are your
 friends here. I honestly believe you are
 the only man to beat the "Combined" in
 1860. I want you to enter me on your
 list of warm friends and admirers

I want a copy of your speeches in the
Campaign in Illinois with Lincoln

I have had one or two introductions to
you whilst a Senator during hurried trips
which I made to Washington. I am an
old line Democrat, share the immoderate confi-
dence of my party in Va, though no great
friend with the Hunter or, chivalry King
as they term themselves, in other ^{words} I mean
that they want all the offices & the old
line, are to do the hard work. They were all
ship in 1844 up to 1848 (many of them)

Send me any documents of value
for the great fight of 1860. Will deliver
my Post office at once.
Write to me

Truly yr friend
C. R. Harris M.D.

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Jan 43.

Write to me Confidentially of course, but
you can always know where to find me.

Whitfield House
 Fernandina Fla
 Jan'y 3rd 1859

Hon^{ble} Stephen A. Douglas
 Washington City

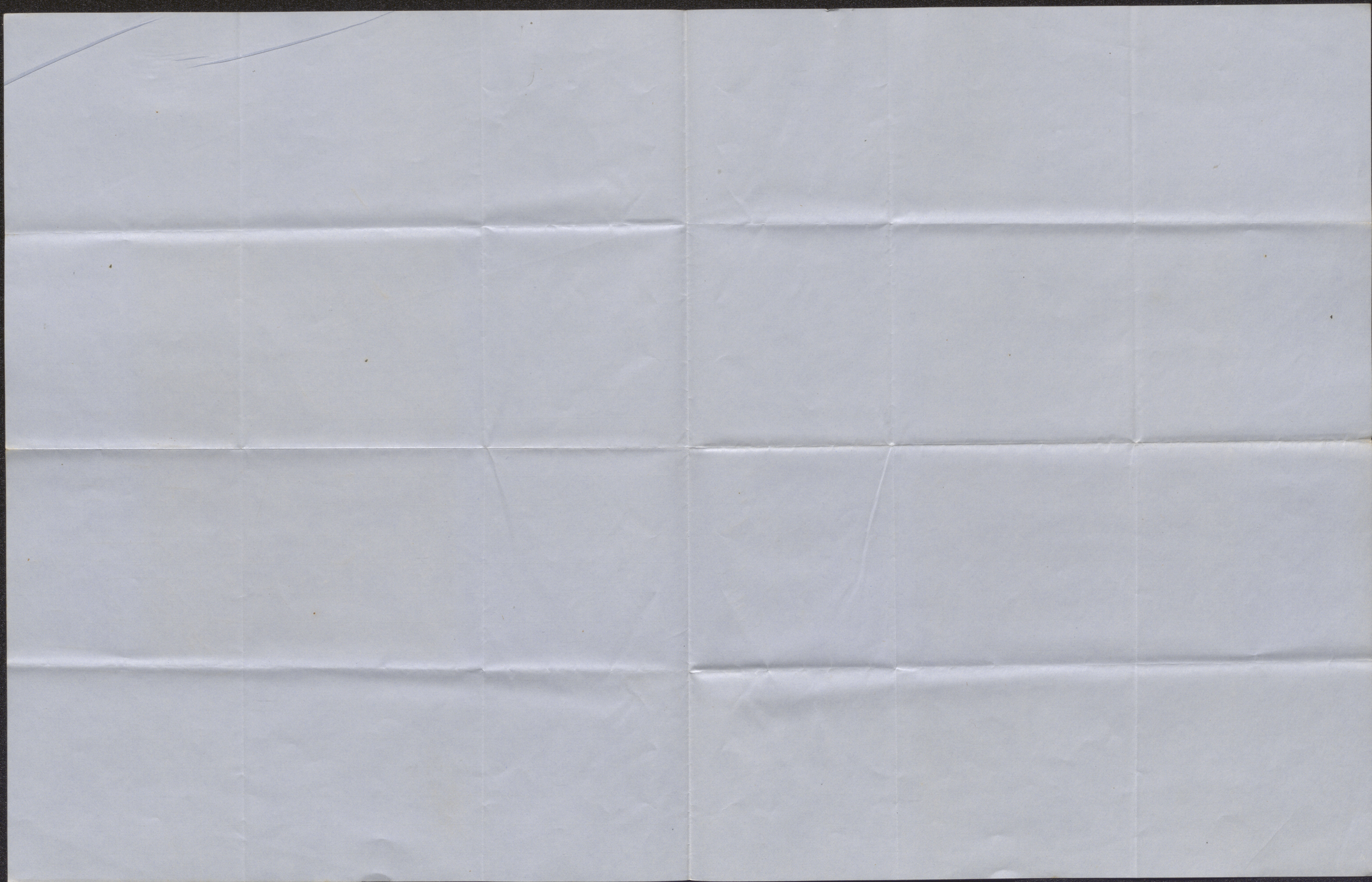
Dr Sir

I herewith enclose
 a card of my name hoping to Sug^{er}
 should you visit our climate —
 Respectfully Yours Hon^{ble} S. Holt — P. M. Genl.
 Washington City

Hon^{ble} S. L. Gule Washington City
 Very Respectfully,
 Yours etc etc
 J. M. King

Jas H McRory
Fernandina, Fla
Jan 7 3. 1859.

Recommends his
hotel. Should Judge
H. come to Florida



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WHITFIELD HOUSE

FERNANDINA, FLA.

BY

JAMES H. McRORY.

Location—Pleasant, Healthy, and Convenient to the Rail Road and Steamboats.

 The Proprietor will meet travelers at the Boats and Rail Road, and give personal attention to Ladies. His arrangement for the transmission of Baggage is complete, and the passenger will be relieved of much trouble. His TABLE shall be unsurpassed.

Mr. _____ Dr.

Days' Board, - - \$

Breakfast, - - -

Dinner, - - - -

Supper, - - - -

Lodging, - - - -

Fires, - - - -

Washing, - - - -

Extras, - - - -

Received Payment,

PROPRIETOR.

January 3^d 1859

Elkton Crawford Co Ills

Hon D. A. Douglas

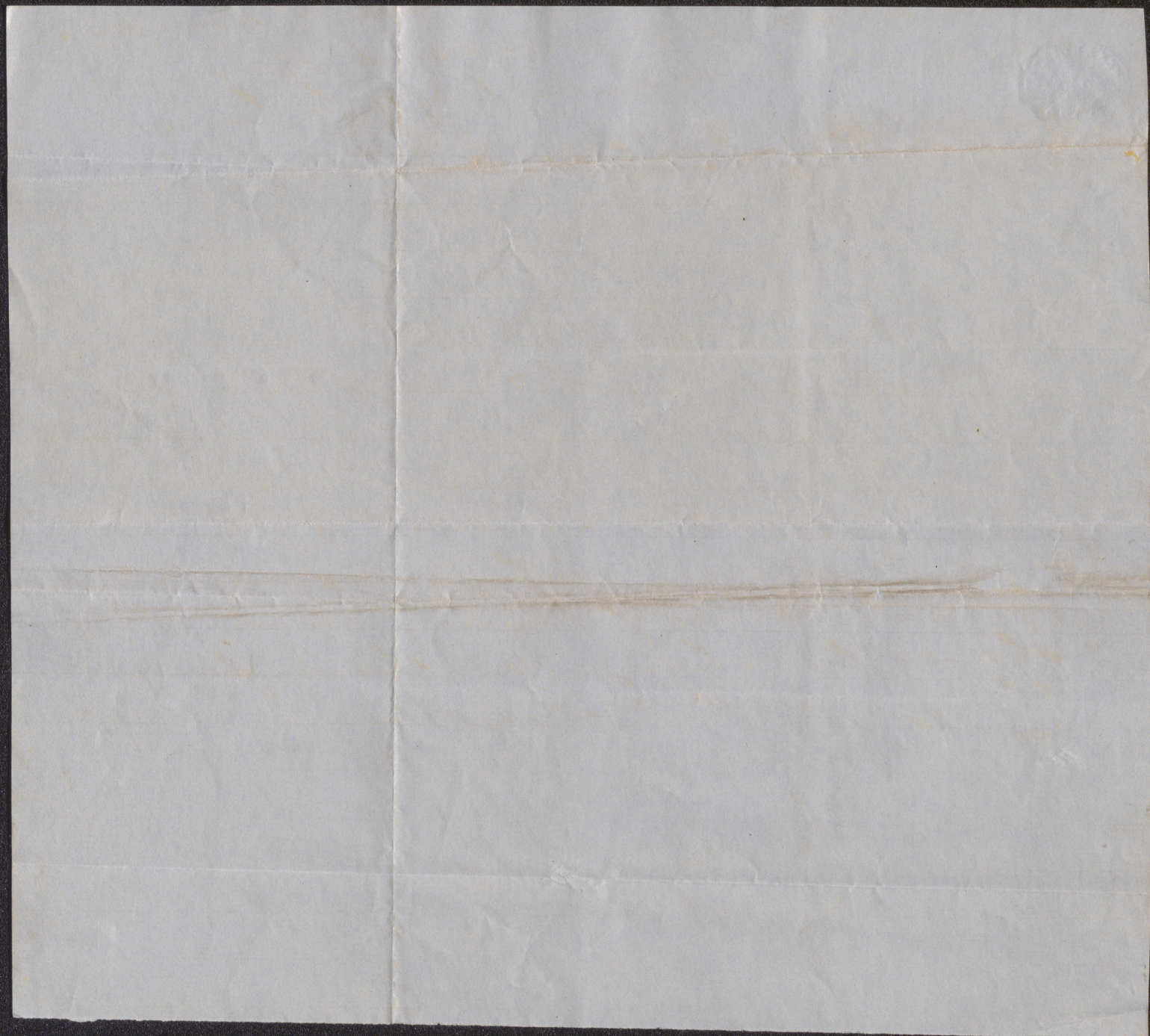
Dear Sir

We the undersigned being
your Political friends and wishing to keep posted in
in Congressional transactions we would avail ourselves of
this early opportunity of Humbly requesting you to send us
from time to time those Documents that you deem of
most importance to us

Respectfully yours W^m Wesley Park

Aaron Park
John Lincoln

Hon Isaac Wilkin
John Shaw



Nebraska City N. T. Jan'y 3rd 1859.
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir;—

Although I wrote to you several days ago, I cannot resist the temptation to write to you by my friend Hon. Saml. W. Black, who is about to visit Washington City.

Besides, the Mail is so irregular and uncertain here in the West that you may never have received my letter.

I wrote to you on the subject of legalising the entries of townsites, comprising our present city corporation, of which Judge Black can fully inform you, and I hope you will give the subject your favorable consideration.

Another subject to which I called your attention, is the annexation of all that portion of Nebraska, South of Nebraska river to Kansas — or in other words the passage of an enabling act to authorise the people of Kansas and South Nebraska — or the Eastern portion thereof embracing a territory about

as large as the state of Missouri
to form a Constitution and submit
it to the people preparatory to its
admission into the Union.

This subject is now receiving much
attention in this section of country.
Meetings are being held, and the
subject is being discussed, on the
stump and by the press, and I have
no hesitation in declaring that a
large majority of the people South of
Platte river are in favor of "annex-
ation". As another indication of the
public sentiment I will mention
that there are eight Newspapers
published in Nebraska South of
the Nebraska river - and seven of
these are in favor of "annexation"
and but one opposed to it.

We are vexed, that you have been
displaced as Chairman of the Committee
on Territories, but we hope you will
continue to show yourself the friend
of the Territories and the Champion
of the people's rights.

We hope and believe that the ad-
mission of Kansas - (which may be

effected immediately in the manner
proposed) will heal the dissensions
in the Democratic party, so that we
may present an undivided front du-
ring the campaign of 1860.

Democracy - as recently enunciated by
you in Illinois, would triumph in
Kansas - and indeed throughout the West.
Judge Black has been put forward by
the people of this Territory for the office
of Governor - in place of your friend
Gov. Richardson who has resigned,
and if you can do anything to
favor his appointment, you will
secure the friendship and good will
of the people of the Territory - nine-
tenths, at least, of whom are in
favor of his appointment.

Very respectfully yours.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Milly S. Reeves

Washington City.

Mills L. Reeves
Nebraska City

Jan. 3. N. Y.

Nebraska affairs
Ans'd March 27



Chicago Jan'y 3. 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Washington D. C.

Dr. Sir

I desire to procure
a copy of Gov. Stevens Reports
of Northern R. R. route to the
Pacific & also as many of
the Reports on the other routes
if possible. If you can
conveniently put me in
the way to get them I will
feel greatly obliged.

But if you can not
do so you need not reply,
for yr time is too valuable.

Yrs Very Respectfully
R. H. Swift



R. W. Smith
Chicago

Jan 3, 1881

Ashes Pacific
R. R. Survey.



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Armory of "Scott Legion"
Phila. January 3/39

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

The Members of the
"Scott Legion" of this city, desirous of evincing
their approbation of your Public career, and
testifying their appreciation of your personal worth
cordially invite you to attend their Annual
Ball at the National Guards Hall, Race St below
Sixth, this evening, where, and when they would
be happy to tender you, in a body the Hospitality
of the occasion, and afford you an opportunity
of receiving the warm and heartfelt congratulations
of those, who although having served in the
Battle fields of their Country, are not unmindful
of that Gratitude which is the due of the
Greatest Civic Champion, in our Senatorial Halls.

With assurances of profound respect,

we remain

Yours Truly
Chas A. Kiersey
J. Hancock } Committee

Chas. A. Viereggs
Jan. 3. Phila

Extending invitation
to visit Scott Legion
Hall.

