

Chas. Bennett,
Oswego,
Jan. 16. Ill.

Receiving copy Mechan-
ical portion of
Patent office report

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Oswego Ill,
Jan. 16th, 1859.

Hon. Sir:-

Sometimes from the
dim mists of Obscurity, we
gaze on the bright radiance
of a rising star; and gathering
confidence from its mild seren-
-ty of look, and at the same
time, a reverence for its wide
spread power:—so humble,
from my unnoted home, have
viewed thy past struggles, and
thy present triumphs; the former,
all glorious with noble achieve-
ments,—the latter, resplendent
in magnanimous treatment of
fallen foes. I watched with eager
interest thy contest with a legion
of antagonists; and at the Polls,
did what one man, in an humble
sphere, could do to insure thy
victory... In conclusion, I would

request you to send me a copy
of the Mechanical Patent Office
Report. Hoping your future con-
tests may be as successful as
the last, I am respectfully

Yours Obt. Servt.

Charles Bennett

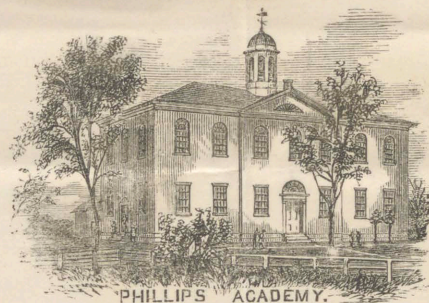
Danvers
Vt

Hon. Sen. Douglass

J. C. Bundy
Andover

Jan. 16 Mass.

asking do's relative
repeal fishing boun-
ties.



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Andover, Mass. Jan 16th / 59
Dear Sir,

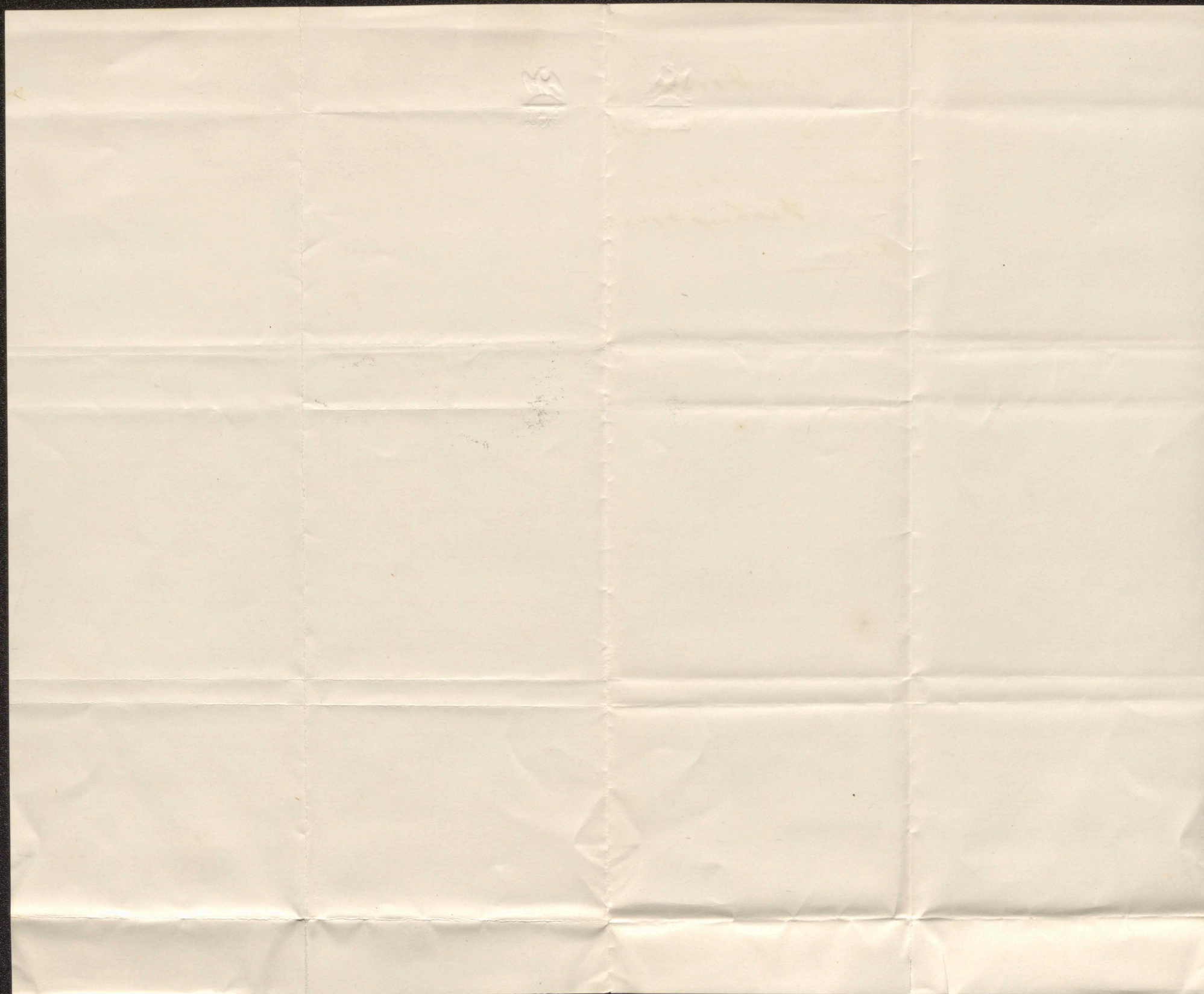
We are to have a debate
in our Society on the question "Ought
the Fishing Bounty Act to be repealed"
& if you can send me any documents
or anything which will bear on the
affirmative of this question you will
confer a great favor on me. as nearly
all here take the negative of it.

I am from all myself & scarcely a day
passes that I am not called upon to
vindicate the cause of the Little Giant

Yours truly
J. C. Bundy

To

Hon S A. Douglas.
Washington



J. Gibson
Wehardsville
Jan. 16. O.

asking doc's

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Wehardsville Athens Co. O.

16th Jan. 1859

Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Permit

a friend to congratulate you,
upon your re-election to the Senate
of the U.S.

I trust it may be conve-
nient for you to send me
some Public Doc occasionally
for the use of my free Reading
Association.

The 4th Vol of Pacific R.R.
Repts, is specially desired. The
Agricultural part of the Patent
Office Rept. Smithsonian Rept
Mexican Boundary Survey
with any others you may have
to spare. Ever truly

Yours, J. Gibson



Trenton January 16th 1859

Mr Longley Esq
 I presume your
 time is all taken up with public business
 and I very much dislike to trouble you
 but if you will send me what public
 Documents Reports of Surveys Maps &c. you
 will place me under many obligations to
 you as I am trying to get up a library.
 Please accept through me the Congratulations
 of our Town upon your success
 Yours obedient Servant
 A. H. Johnson

A. H. Johnson
Trenton
Jan. 16.

asking doc's

Lyhurst



Will date today Jan 16th 1873
 Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I am

now at Hillsdale College
 trusting school formerly from
 Illinois & I thought likely
 you would be kind enough
 to send me some specimens
 made in Congress & the
 session if you will address
 me at Hillsdale Michigan
 Michigan I remain
 Yours Truly

Moses A. Luce.

M. A. Luce
Hillsdale

Jan. 16. Mich.

asking for speeches

Coles County Illinois January the 16th 59

Mr Douglas Dear Sir please send me
one copy of the patent office report treating on
agriculture the latest edition please direct it to
Hamilton Webb & Mattoon Coles County Illinois

and oblige your friend H Webb

to the Hon
Stephen A Douglas
Senator in Congress
Washington
City

Samuel W. N. Smith
Master
J.C.
Patent Office
replied.

John W. Trowbley
Mamaroneck
Jan. 16. N. Y.

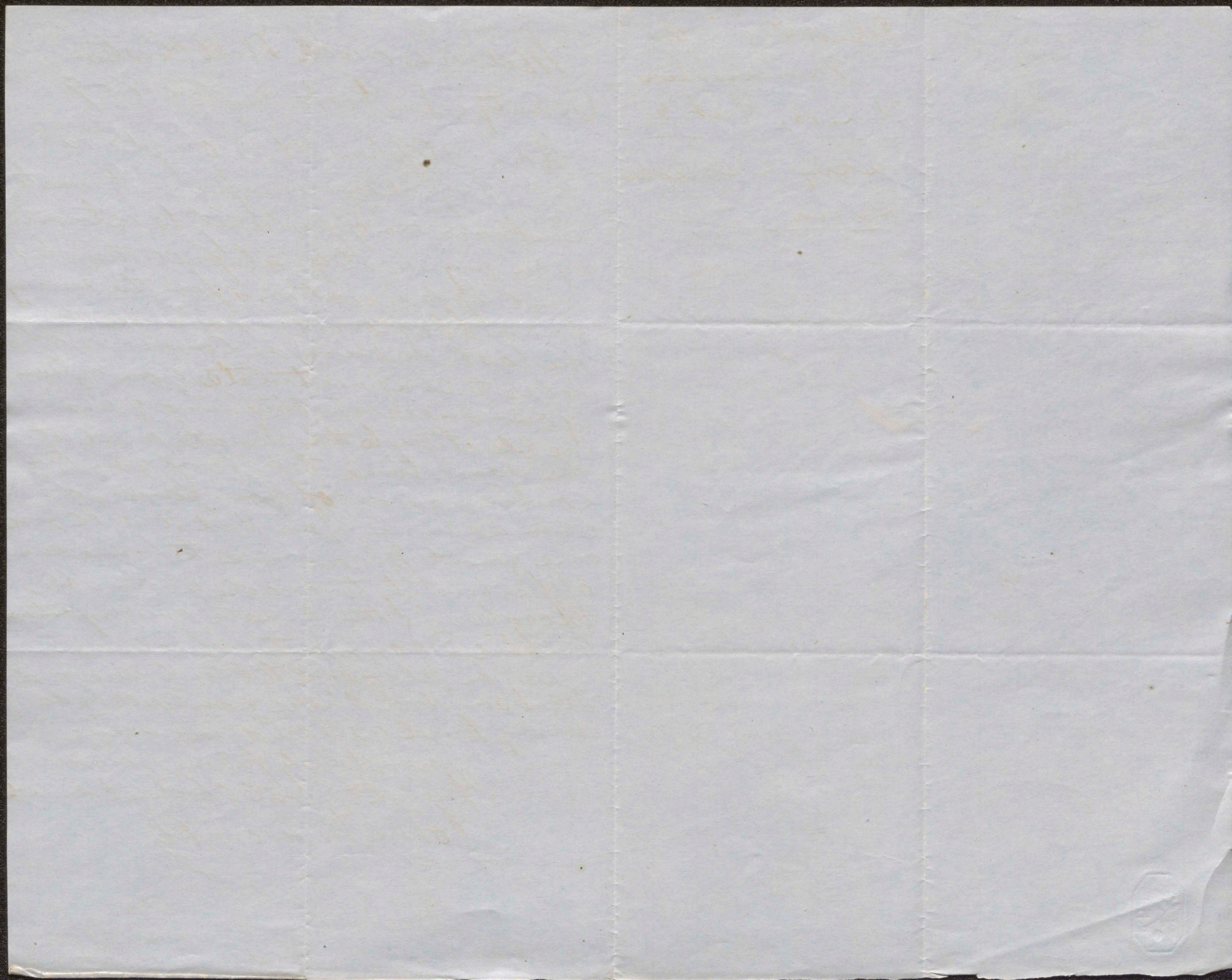
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Mamaroneck Westchester
County New York. Jan 16th 1859.

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

My Dear Sir permit me to
embrace the opportunity to return
you my most gratefull thanks
and appreciations for the many
favours bestowed upon me during
the last Session of Congress, and
also to congratulate you upon
your success in obtaining your
re Election to the Senate, and at
the same time to ask of you the
continuance of your favours, I
can assure you that it will give
me great pleasure to have an
opportunity to read your able
speeches in the Senate or any other
public Documents which you
may be pleased to send me, and
I can say that I hope you will be so
verry kind as to send me some.

Yours truly from your
friend & most obedient servant
John W. Trowbley



A. M. West
Durant
Holmes Co
Jan. 16. Missi
asking for
your speeches

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Durant
Holmes County
Miss - January 16/59

Hon J. A. Douglas

Sir - Your position
before the country, is such, as to render
important to every section of the
Confederacy, a proper understanding of
your principles and the measures for
their execution as developed in your
speeches, especially those delivered in the
senate of the United States; And as it has
not been my good fortune to meet with
them in-ex-tenso, you will do me a
favor by sending your Kansas speech,
and any others to my address to the above
Post Office. You are doubtless destined
to produce a new era in the history of
parties throughout the Country.

Most of the distinguished men in all ages,
have become so, by following in the lead
of some great original mind, or, by force
of party organization, but few men possess

the intellectual power of discovering
principles adopted to the present & future
wants of a great Nation; - and living to
their support the masses; - especially,
when they have been through successive
years obscured by the errors of Party, or,
the infatuation of the people; as to
which class you belong public opinion
is now seemingly vibrating, the future
however will soon solve the problem.
A country so wide spread as ours, with
such diversified interests, will be more
or less under the influence of sectional
and warring parties, hence exalted statesman-
ship alone is equal to its proper government,
that even those jarring elements may be
made conducive to our national
glory - Hoping you may prove worthy of
yourself and equal to the approaching
crisis - I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
A Mc West,

Knoxville January 17th 1859 Illinois

To our Dear friend B. A. Douglas if the Pension Bill has not
Past the Senate we your old friends old soldiers wish you to
Have the sixty days stricken out and essant thirty and we
will remember you in 1860 the sixty days Bill will live
out near one half of the oldest soldiers of the war of
1812. They are nearly all between 70 & 80 years of age
and generally verry poor this from many of your
old friends
Signed old soldiers

Old Soldiers

Kavanaugh

Jan. 16.

Ill

Pension bill

Amory



Belleville, Austin co. Texas
January 17th 1859

Honl. J. A. Douglass
Sir

Will you
be so kind as to send to me, the
Patent Office Report for 1859
and any of the Reports of Expe-
ditions sent out by order of the
Government, such as those on the
Pacific R. Road ^{route} or ~~any~~ any Scientif-
ic or Exploring Expeditions.

Though I am an entire stranger to
you yet I hope you may feel interest
enough in me to confer the above
favor. Address me as above
With due respect I am

Yours obt. Srvt
J. B. Bachman



Mr. Senator

Frederic Douglass

Washington City

District of Columbia

FREE

*J. B. Bachman
Belleville
Jan. 18 1847
ack'd this*



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H. B. Douglas,
Geneva
Jan. 17 N. Y.

Making inquiries
about Havana

Geneva July 17, 1859

Mr. S. M. Douglas
My dear Sir

I am thinking a little
of going to Havana, on account
of my wife's health, and knowing
that you have recently been there,
I want to trouble you, busy as
must be, to inform me, whether
you found comfortable accommodations
there, and which is the best house
to go to. Also what were
the accommodations on board of
the steamer - We saw it
stated that your wife was
not well - but hope she has

fully recovered her health - When we
saw her in Chicago she seemed
as blooming as a maiden of
seventeen.

I conclude you are
to have a rough and unpleasant
winter in the Senate - and
am reminded of Fitz-James
when

"His back against a rock he bore,
And firmly placed his foot before.
Come on, come all! this rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I."

I remember once to have heard you
say, you had traced the genealogy
of the Douglass family, and
sketched it as a tree - I want
at some time, if you have no
objection, to obtain a copy -
Perhaps you could give the
task of copying it to some
young man, and let me

compensate him for it -

I am truly your friend
and relation

W B Douglass

Please make my respectful regards
to Mrs Douglass

Wm. M. Hartman
Ridgefield P.O.
McHenry Co
Jan. 17.

Agricultural Patent
Office reports

[S. A. Douglas Papers]

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Ridgefield Jan 17th 1859

Dear Sir

Please send
me by return mail
the Agricultural and
Mechanical Patent Office
reports of the last
issue and oblige your
friend and well wisher

Yours respectfully
Wm M Hartman

Direct to W M
Hartman Ridgefield
Po Mc Henry Co Illinois

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Mrs Wm. Hobbs
Tiffin
Jan. 17. O.

asking seeds

Love sent

[S. A. Douglass Papers]

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Tiffin Jan 17th

Friend Douglass

If you wish to accom-
-odate an old friend you can do so
now by sending me some seeds
as I think of going to Kansas in
the Spring and shall want both
vegetable and Flower seeds. You
have a great many warm friends
in Ohio Your old friend

Mrs Wm. Hobbs Tiffin
Marissa G. John Geneca Co
Ohio

1842
Jan 17
New York

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Antrim, Jan. 17th, 1859.

Hon. Stephen A Douglas,
Sir,

Since, the Black Sham Republicans, have received the reins of government, which is four years next Mar., we the hardy Democratic cultivators of the soil, have not been favored with any Congress Documents, owing wholly upon the change of politics.

Now I humbly beg you to send us a report of the last years Patent Office, or any other Documents would be acceptable.

Hoping that you will pardon me for infringing upon you this much.

Please direct to, Hiram Holmes,
Antrim, North Branch, N. H.

Yours with Respect,

A young Democrat of the Stamp 1776.

Hiram Holmes
Antrim
North branch
Jan. 17. N. H.
asking Patent
office report.

Geo. D. Hovey
Livingston
Jan. 17. N. Y.

Asking you to
lecture at Livingston
valley for Docs.

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Gautsville Liv. Co. N.Y.
Jan. 17th 1859
Hon. S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir.

Allow me to say, &
you are the man of my sentiments. and
that in your success it gives me satisfac-
tion although nothing but principles have
I to rejoice over in your triumph. The
great doctrine which has carried you
through your Campaign must remain
the fundamental principle of the Wages
of the people. It is my opinion whatever
Conventions may lay down as a platform
the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty will
be the main spring and watchword to the
lords of this Republic in future time.

I did not intend to write a political
letter and will only say that if you receive
the nomination at the Charleston Convention
you will hear from me again in a way

that will tell for your election.

My object in writing was if possible to get you to deliver a Literary address in this town on your return home, at the close of the session. We are situated but a short distance from the R.R. about forty miles south of Rochester, and but a few hours ride from your old Mother in Ontario Co. Our population is about 4000. The inhabitants have within the last year opened a Seminary of the highest grade and are in process of erecting a fine building. The school is now kept in a temporary building with an attendance of about 150 pupils. There is connected with this school a society of young men, who are using their best endeavors to secure a Library. This is one of the means adopted to raise funds. The surplus after paying expenses go for Library purposes. If we could secure your services it would very much to

Our interest and I hope be an advantage to yourself.

If any public documents or other books of interest at your disposal ^{should be donated} the friends of this Institution would hold the favor in grateful remembrance & publicly acknowledge it.

I hope to hear from you and should your engagements be such as to comply with the sentiments of this letter you will meet many warm political friends, as well as hospitable citizens.

I had the pleasure of shaking your hand at your house in Washington last May at time of the Meeting of the Medical Association in that place.

Truly yours &c
R. L. Hovey

I enclose the Circular with the names of the Board of Trustees - also the announcement of Geo. S. Bruntice, to Lecture

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Dansville Seminary.

This Institution, located in the village of Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y., is now incorporated and duly organized, with a competent Board of Instruction who have entered upon the discharge of their duties. The school has opened with nearly one hundred students. The present Faculty are Rev. S. SEAGER, D. D., C. C. WHEELER, A. B., and Miss M. ANGELL. Other teachers will be added as circumstances may require. The Board of Trustees are progressing with the new building, which, when completed, will accommodate three hundred pupils. Students will find Board in good families at from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per week. The year is divided into three terms.

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Tuition in Common English,	- - -	\$5 00 per Term.
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Information upon all matters respecting the Institution, can be obtained by addressing the Principal or any member of the Faculty.

The citizens of Dansville have subscribed \$15,000, but this will be required to erect Buildings, and still further funds will be necessary to purchase Library and Apparatus. The Trustees appeal to the friends of education generally in this region to come to their aid in rearing an institution which shall be commensurate to the wants of this portion of Western New York.

Agency.—By a Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. PEARSALL is authorized to solicit and receive Subscriptions in aid of the Seminary.
J. J. BROWN, Sec'y Executive Com.

** Miss Mary Gillman*

Dansville Seminary

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This Certifies, That
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and State of _____
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DANSVILLE SEMINARY FUND,
To the amount of _____ Dollars,
the receipts of which is hereby acknowledged.

I. L. ENDRESS,
Secretary.

A. C. GEORGE,
President.

Agent.

Hovey encl. Jan 17, 1859
[Douglas papers]

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Atticæum Assc'n

LECTURE!

GEORGE D.

PRENTICE

Of the Louisville Journal,

Will deliver a lecture at Canaseraga Hall, on

TUESDAY EVENING

Jan. 18, 1859.

Lecture to commence at 7 ~~1-2~~ o'clock.

 Tickets to be had at Niles', Wetmore's, Herald News Room and at the Door.

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GEO. G. D.

PRELIMINARY

of the Lecture

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John A. Husted
Tarrytown
Jan. 17 N. Y.
Asks Doc's

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Law Office of John A. Husted,
NEAR THE DEPOT.

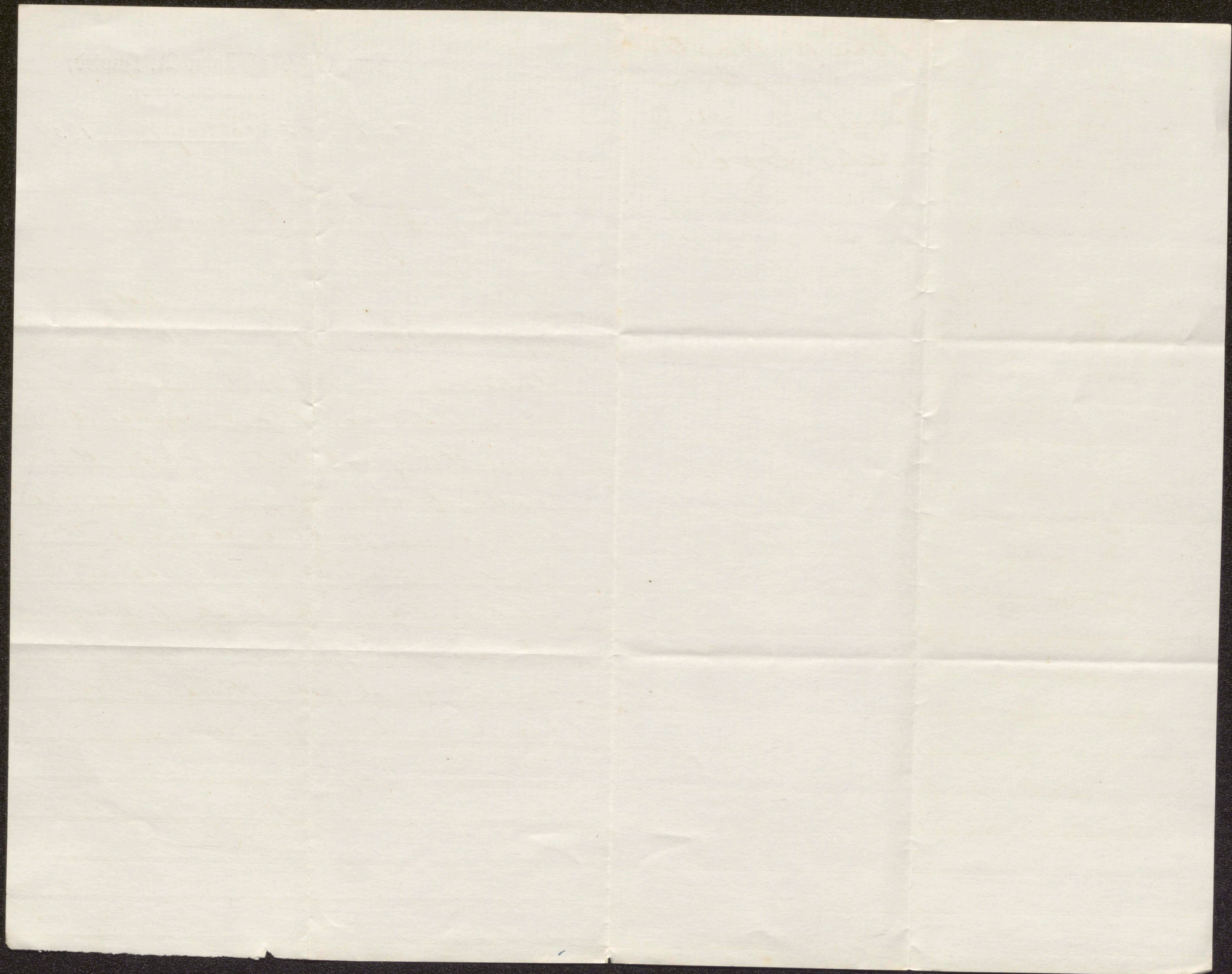
Tarrytown, N. Y. Jan. 17 1859

Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Dear Sir,

Being an admirer
of your abilities as a Senator and
Statesman, and not having any
Democratic Senators, to represent us
from this great State, I take this
opportunity of asking you to favor me
with some public securities.
I well know that I am asking a
great deal from a Senator from an
other State, but you are a national
man and have thousands of
friends in the Empire State.

Yours Respectfully

John A. Husted



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Mrs. Johnson
Claremont
Richland Co
Jan. 17. Ill

wishes to take
Washington paper

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Claremont
January 17/89

Mrs. Stearns
A Douglas for
I am know in Claremont
selling goods in
Richland Co Ills
I can safely say that
that we done all in
our power for you
during the canvass
I am over rejoiced to
know that you are
Reelected to the
united States senate
and hope that in 1860
we will have the
pleasure of voting for
you for president I
have had the pleasure
of voting for you

In Sangamon co Ills

I want you to send me
your favorite Paper
that is printed in your
city and I will send
you the money as
soon as you send the
Paper and will satisfy
you for your trouble

If any any thing that
you want to be distributed
amongst you constituents
we will take a pleasure
in doing so I have the
Post office and the Adams
Express office in clear
out. Please direct your
Paper to Claremont
Richland co Ills

Your unworthy friend
Thos Johnson to
Hon S A Douglas

Vermillion Jan'y 17 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

~~your~~ Dear Sir when I saw
you last at Chicago you requested
me to send you a small list of
names from our plea. It is pleasing
to find that I have not found a
single Democrat or Moderate Rep
but sustain you in every particular
and have no regrets in regard
to your Political actions we regret
very much you did ^{not} pass through
Cleveland on your way to Washington
we wanted to let the people see what
the people say all we want is a
chance to vote one as we should
and that without protest. I will
give a little trouble. I do not
know of any other one to call on
I want to get a set of Ocean
Charts for Liverpool and Coasting
trade and what ever the cost is
I will forward money by return
mail. I understand that they are
at some of the Departments

Yours Truly Geo. Judson

Capt. A. Bradley Vermillion Ohio

Capt. George Stone " "

Capt. J. W. Grover " " "

Dr. F. C. McCarty " " "

Dr. F. A. Sander " " "

O. A. Leonard " " "

John Wines " " "

Geo. Judson
Vermillion
Jan. 17. Ill

Looking sett of seal
about giving names
for documents.

Sent

Commerce &

Navigation

Feb. 15

George Judson " " "

Randolphs Grove Me Sean Co JMs

Jan 17, 59

Judg Douglas Dear Sir I expect you
have got back to the Seanant by this time & I hope
you will have a more favorable opinion of it than you
had last winter - Judg we shall have to
look to you for Public Documents as we have
no other course with the old Abolition Society
we want to be kept posted on all the principal
business of the present Congress

Sent to Thomas Karr, A. R. Nickerson
James Funk, Wm Karr Jacob Myers Thomas Bagley
{ Abraham Fry & M. J. Cook } both old time
irrigs but now as firm Democrats as any we have
Address Randolphs Grove Me Sean Co JMs
your Presby in the Bounds of Passford
Sovarnatz - I forgot to name above the name
of { Mathew Courdell } Thomas Karr
{ } { }



Thos. Kerr & others
Randolphs Grove
McLean Co
Jan. 17. Ill.

Asking documents

Ed. Kindred
Chillicothe
Jan. 17 Ill
Pensions to Soldiers
of 1872.

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Chillicothe Ill Jan 17th (59)
Hon S. A. Douglas Sir
After my Compliments to you &
Mrs Douglas. I can only say that
I am more than satisfied with the
grand Result of your Re-Election to
the Post you adorn. By your Patriotism
& love of Principle. By the fact that
when the time of trial came we had
no enemies in our camp. which fact
is cheering to me. And humiliating
to the Dan etc. Tribe of our glorious
Licker State. I have watched the move-
ments of the People, both North & South
since you left our State, with great
solicitude. And was gratified to
see that the People every where
Received you with great enthus-
iasm as the Represent of the great
Principle of Right of the People to
Rule every where.

And I hope, yes I know that
you will still be found advocating
the rights of the people on any and
^{every} Question that may come up for
future action. I see from some
Papers that it is expected that some
of the Davis Tribe will endeavor
to draw you into a snare, if they
can. Do so. I hope you will treat
all such with that contempt, which
such Puppies deserve. The People
of Illinois has ^{such} claims on you that
you have no right to put your life
in jeopardy to satisfy their asperation
for Plunder. by exalting themselves
to the Post, ~~that~~ The People have designed
for you, in 1860. Now Sir I see
that the Bill to pension the Soldiers
of 1812 has just ^{the} House of Representatives
and probably will soon be before
your Honorable Body for action.

And I hope to see you adivocate
its Passage in a proper form. We
old Soldiers, ^{who} served our Country
Long and faithful, and have
never got but Little in Return
for the same. And we think
since we have got so old that
Labour is very hard. that our
Country can afford to be generous
and magnanimous towards its defen-
=ders, do what you can for us. that
is right. And I will remain ever
yours in the spirit of Democracy

Edward Kindred

A Soldier under A. Jackson
(P.S.) My Respects to Senator James
of Tennessee my (E. K.)
old Neighbor & friend.