

To the Hon. S. A. Douglass
 U.S. Senator from Illinois
 At Sir
 I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of
 your letter of the 10th inst.
 and in reply to inform
 you that the same has been
 forwarded to the proper
 authorities for their
 consideration.

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[Jan. 17, 1859]

To the Hon. S. A. Douglass.
 U.S. Senator from Illinois
 At Sir

We the undersigned
 would respectfully recommend to your
 favourable consideration our mutual
 friend Capt. E. W. Reading of Springfield
 Illinois the bearer herof who visits
 Washington on business.

Any favours you may extend
 him will be considered personal.
 During the late heated contest he
 always ready and willing and did
 efficient service in the great cause
 of which you are its able and acknowledged
 champion

Springfield Ill.

Jan 17 1859

Daniel Short

G. F. McNeillis

J. S. Maynard

Chas. A. Hayes

J. W. Hayes

F. D. Preston

Joseph Lealie

John W. Fried

J. J. Hurran

Chas. R. Hunt

Geo. W. Shurt

John A. McLennan

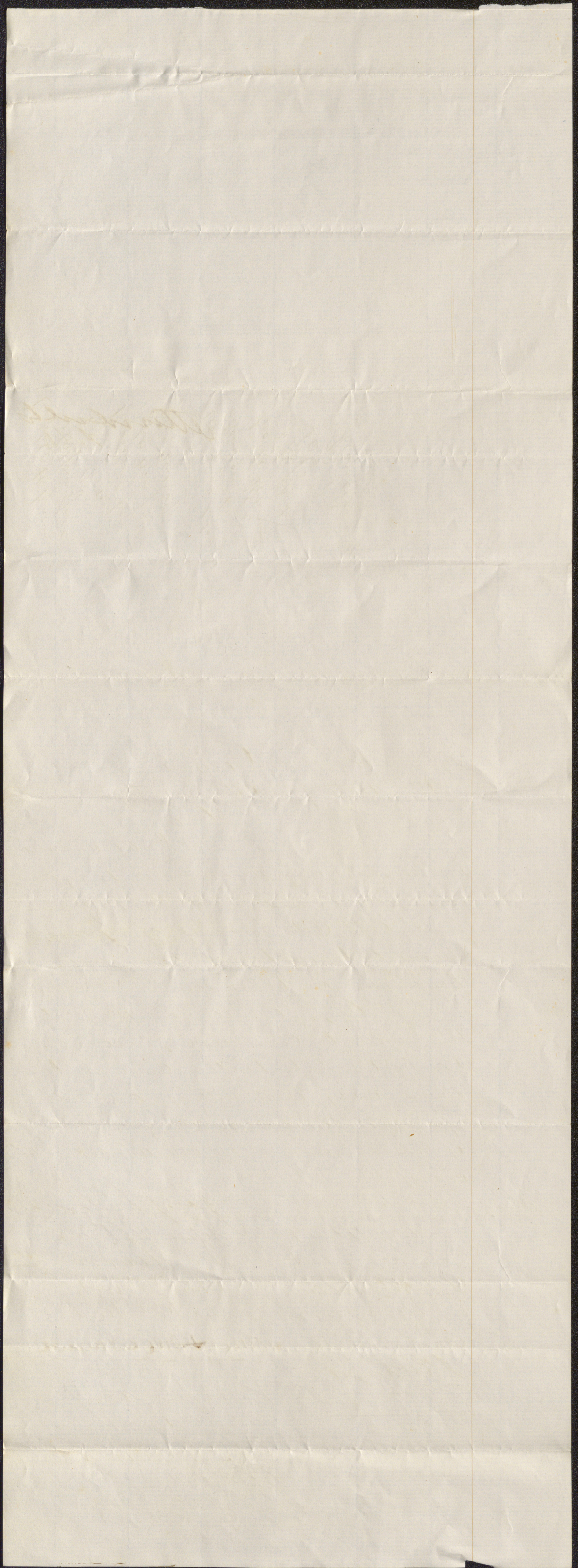
V. H. S. S. S.

J. D. Owen

Ed. Courner

Chas. D. D.

Jas. W. Barrett



Freeport January 17th 1859 Pa

To the Honorable Theron A. Douglas M^r & Senator

Dear Sir I wish you to speak in favor of the bill for a pension for the Soldiers of 1812 as it has passed Congress and it depends on the Senate whether it become a Law or not I take freedom to write to you because I have taken notice to your course and that what ever you under took you went through with it

There is a great many of us in the north part of Pennsylvania that volunteered to go to the Lakes in the fall of the year and suffered a great deal and was discharged in the middle of winter without money for provision our company volunteered for six months and was discharged in about 2 months and now we are old and frail and needy If you do something for us now we shall never forget you

your Humble Servant

James Loughery

Mr S. A. Douglas

M^r & Senate

James Longhary
Proprietor

Jan. 18/39 Pa. Ill.?

Asking your support

Pension bill

W. S. Low
Albany

Jan. 17. N.Y.

Asks autograph

Ans'd



Albany Jan 17th 1859

Hon.

S. A. Douglas

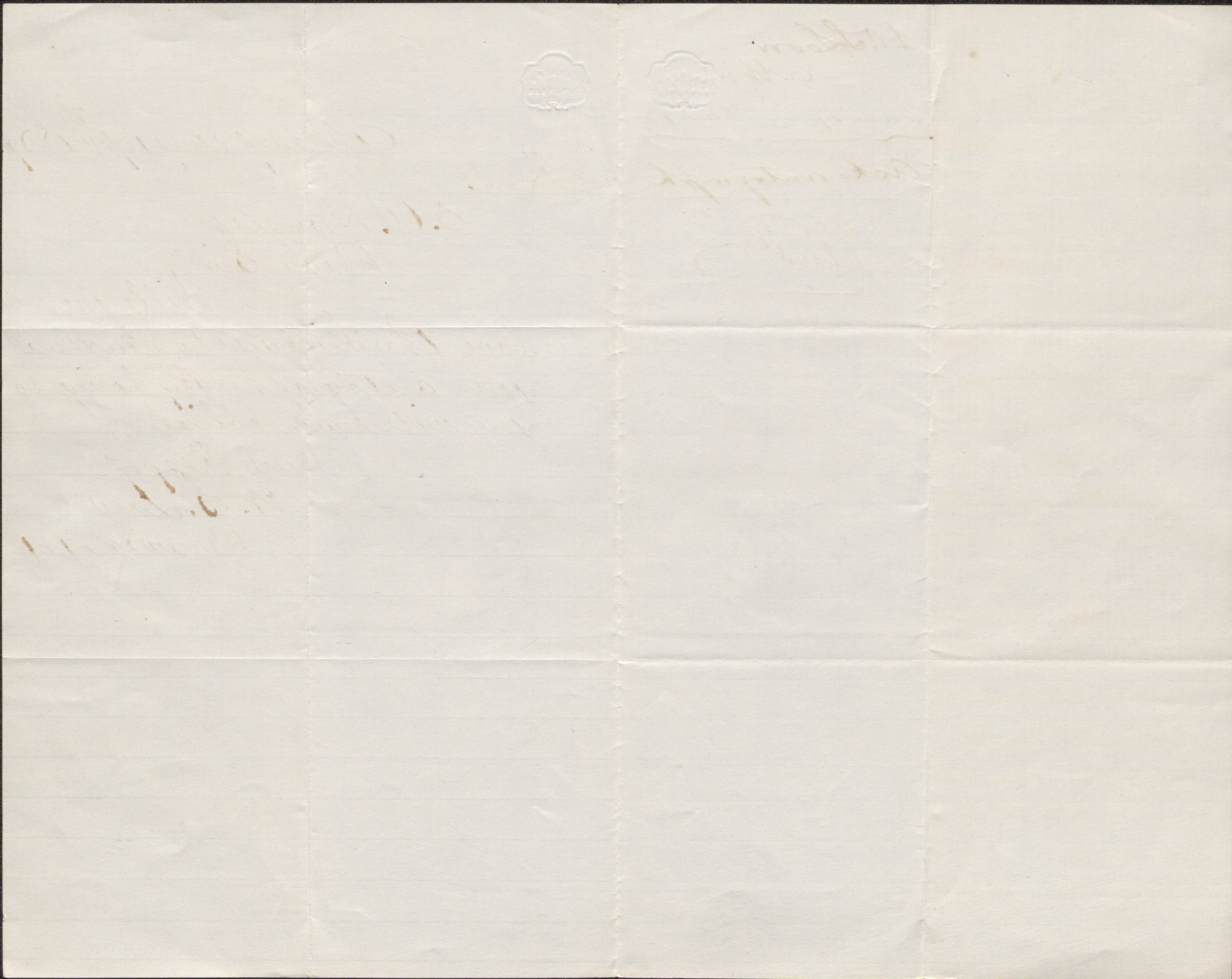
Dear Sir

Will you
have the kindness to send me
your autograph; By doing so
you will much oblige

Yours Respy

W. S. Low

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McKendree college
Lebanon

Jan. 17 Ill.

asking copies of
your speeches &
docs for college

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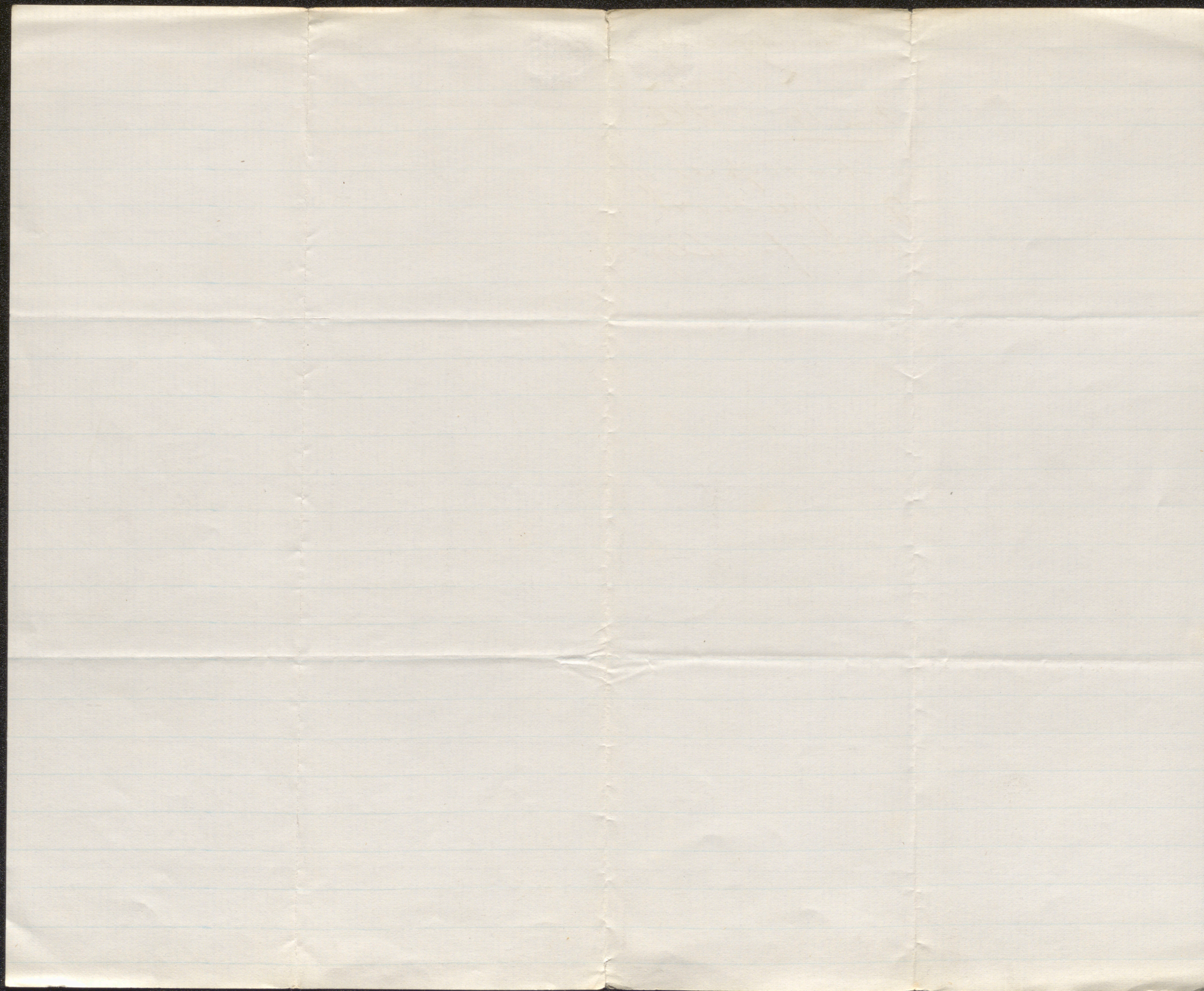
Lebanon Jan 17th 1859.
Hon S. S. Douglass
Sir:

I address you to
solicit from you copies of all speeches
of yours, which may hereafter be pub-
lished, for the Library of McKendree Col-
lege - I would respectfully ask that
you would have McKendree College
put upon your list that you may
receive from you copies of all your fu-
ture speeches which may be published
as well as whatever public documents
you may feel disposed to send - If you
comply, direct to

McKendree College.
Lebanon.

Ill.

With great admiration for the energy &
ability which you have displayed in your
public career I remain Yours truly
S. H. Denner
Librarian of McKendree College.



Central City, Colo
 June 17/59.

Hon S A Douglas,

My Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines on the subject of the losses of S J Rose (my brother in law) of property by reason of an attack by the Mojave Indians on the Colorado River in New Mexico, but I suppose you were in the South at the time. Upon my receiving the memorial of Mr Rose, as he pressed its early presentation to Congress, I forwarded the same to Hon Wm M Queen Consul from California who presented & referred it to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

I would appreciate it truly the greatest favor if you would urge that Committee ^{to} early and favorable action upon these claims.

I regard it (to my mind at least) clear, that a law of Congress now exists guaranteeing payment after one year of such losses, though no treaty exists with these Indians. See Briefly Compilation U S Dep, p 429, & I suppose the same may be found in U S Statutes at Large Vol 4 page 729-31. See 17.

Mr Queen informs me that he recommended to the Secy of War Mr Rose for the outfitting of the new military post at the Colorado River with

Rose, top is about \$26,000. He will remain N. B.

I was at Springfield on the day of your election
I never witnessed the same manifestation of
heartfelt delight, of transporting joy that
prevailed. The "Daughter" disappeared, vanished
on the first train, and the next day I did
not see her in the Capital.

I have a word to say about the Charleston
Convention, but this letter is too long &
will reserve it for another.

Accept my regards and believe me

Your friend
H. W. S. O. Kelley

P.S. Hon. R. B. Smith can inform you
as to who Mr. Rose is - he has the same
as all from his hands.

H. K. S. O. Melvine
Central City
Jan. 18.

Dr. Rose's claim

Randolph, Catt. Co.
New York, Jan'y. 17. 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate,

Dr. Sir,

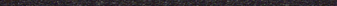
I should be very much
gratified to receive from you a copy of the
Pub. Office Report, or any other Pub. Doc. that
may be convenient, but make no claims even
for that. My principal object in writing was to
request that you would favor Egbert M.
Sunder, Oneida, Knox Co. Ill, with such
Pub. Docs. as you may wish disseminated
in that portion of your state. He is my son,
is right politically, but is in a hotbed of Blk.
Rep. fanaticism. I send him two papers weekly from
this state, Dem. under Douglas color. I shall
be very much obliged for any favors in that
direction. Yours very Respectfully
Spencer Sunder.

Spencer Scudder
Randolph

Jan. 17 A. G.

Asking Patent office
report.

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Freeport, Illinois
January 17th 1859

Mr. S. A. Auglass, Dear Sir:

Will you
have the kindness to send me
copies of reports of the Exploring
parties ~~to the Pacific~~ across
the Rocky Mountains, more
particularly those that would
embrace that portion of the
country near the line of the proposed
Santhorn & Central Rail Road
route to the Pacific —

Yours Truly
L. Stanton

L. Stanton,
Keokuk,
Jan. 10. Ill.

Wants copy of your
Pacific R.R. report.

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[Jan 17, 1859]

Thos. F. Lotin
St Joseph's
College
Jan. 17. Ohio

Elected honorary
member Phil-his-
-toric society.

St. Joseph's College,
Terry Co. Ohio.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

It is with
exceeding great pleasure that I write
to inform you of your unanimous
election to an honorary membership
of the Phil-Historic Society of St.
Joseph's College.

The object of this society, as you
will perceive by its name, is the
promotion of historic research as well
as the cultivation of eloquence.

This Society was organized 3^d Nov. 1853,
since which period it has, by the
liberality of Honorary Members, and
the zeal of active ones attained a
marked notoriety among the literary
societies of the west.

Our library has at present one thousand volumes, and is yearly increasing.

By honoring us with your name, and wishing a "good speed" by contribution or otherwise - you would confer upon the Phil-Historic Society a lasting favor. Hoping that you will favor us with an early response.

I am Sir; with
profound respect,
Yours truly,
Thomas F. Tobin.
Capt Secy

Jan. 17th 1859.

William Wallace
Adeline
Ogle Cr.
Jan. 17 Ill.

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Reports.

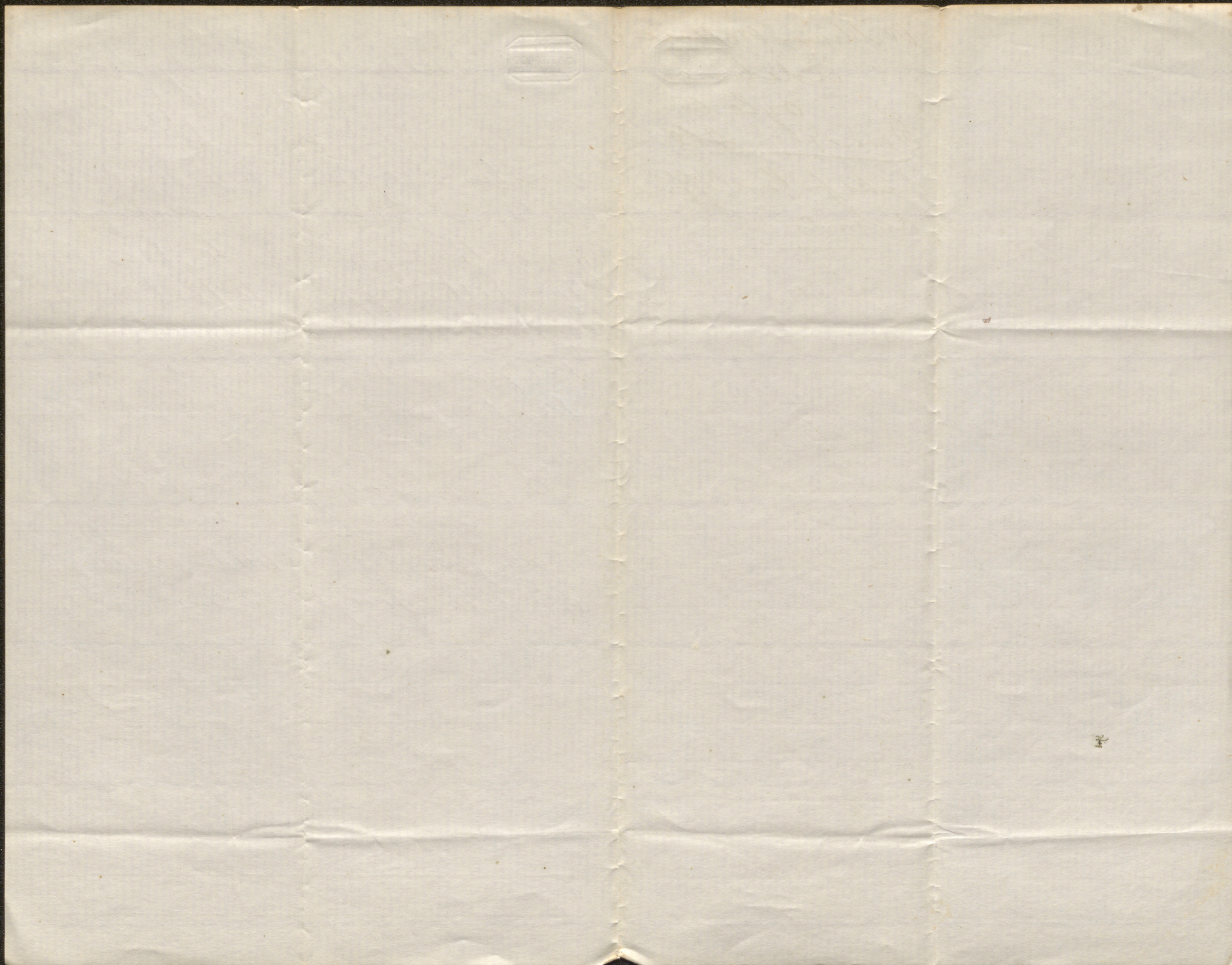


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Adeline Ogle County Illinois
January 17th 1857

Senator Douglas Sir I wish to
confer a favor on you as one of
your Best friends to send me
the Patent Office Report on
Agriculture and Mechanical for
1857 and such others as you
see proper to send

By so doing you will

Oblige me William Wallace
A good Douglas Democrat





Carrollton. Kentucky,
Jan 17th 1859.

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas.

Words are wholly inadequate to express to you my unbounded admiration for your course since the Leecompton contest last Winter, unprecedented as it is in the histories of ancient or modern heroes. Who that has a mind rightly to appreciate loftiness of purpose, and daring action untrammelled by fear or favor, did not as a heart thrill in responsive echoes to noble deeds of patriotism, did not watch you through that fearful struggle with burning interest? The first books given me for perusal in my childhood, were the history of my own country, and the lives of the immortal heroes whose names illumined her pages. Never can I forget the wild enthusiasm created by the story of my country's wrongs and her brave resistance to oppression, nor the delicious gratitude that filled my heart when I remembered that this glorious land was my country, endeared to our hearts by the blood of her patriot sons, and the free institutions they had left us as a legacy. A legacy far richer than ever kings or emperors of old bequeathed their

children. Time passed, and the thirst for knowledge grew
into a passion deep and strong. Gladly and with heart-will did
I burn the midnight lamp, that I might follow the historian
in tracing the rise, progress, and downfall of the nations now
buried in the mighty archives of the past. And though my
heart would thrill, and my mind glow at the noble deeds of
valor therein recorded; how did they sink into insignificance
when contrasted with the wondrous history of our own country,
for never did romance or poet weave a vision that could
out rival in brilliancy of coloring, and gorgeousness of concep-
-ion, that which we have the right to claim as our heritage.
With such trainings, is it any wonder that an ardent and
enthusiastic child should have grown up treasuring deep
within her heart an abiding reverence for the great men who
were gallantly guiding the ship of state through innumerable
difficulties. I had imbibed from my parents in earliest child-
hood, a dislike to democracy, and with that undoubting
faith that children ever have in the words of honored parents,
believed that nothing heroic could come from democratic ranks.
You destroyed my fallacies. You convinced me that something
good could come out of Nazareth. You proved to the world
by your noble daring, that a powerful democratic leader
with every thing to lose, and nothing to gain, could when

danger menaced the cherished institutions of your country
throw off the fetters of party spirit, and by the mere
force of your towering intellect (aided by Heaven's own
sustainer, a sense of right) alone and single-handed combat
the enemies of your country. Oh it was a glorious warfare, and
you were fully equal to it. Homer sang the praises of Hector,
and in ravishing strains tells us of Achilles, valor. But what
lord has a pen of fire that he may tell to future generations how
a Douglas in the defence of ^{the} right dared to brave the
merciless attacks, alike of friend and foe?

What can I that the mean and the envious to whose bosoms a
lofty aspiration is a stranger, and who know no principle but
that of self-aggrandizement, accuse you of making a desperate
throw for the presidency? This may be their belief. This
would assuredly have been their impelling motive had
they been in your stead. History however will refute this
calumny. The good and wise now do not believe it. Were you
not then the chief of your party? Did they not turn to you with
looks of faith and trust when clouds enveloped them? Though
James Buchanan ^{was} their president, did they not regard you as
their head? Demagogues may rant as they please, but they
cannot displace this conviction from the minds of the people
that Stephen A. Douglas has been tried in the furnace of
political hatred, and come out with unstained garments.

This is not the foolish sentimentality of some low-sick school-girl dazzled by your splendid triumphs. I know that you are married, nor would I wish it otherwise. I know that your wife is young, beautiful, and talented. I know she joys in your success, and exults in your fame. But I would crave your interest in behalf of one dear to me. I would ask you to give him a situation near you where he might profit by your example, and be of real service to you. He is unfortunately circumstanced, yet he would scorn assistance from you, or any other man living, did he not believe he might some day return it. He does not know that I have written to you. I doubt if he would believe it. It is even probable that he would be angry did he know it. My heart has been my only adviser in this appeal. My intense admiration for you, has made me wish that he might be devoted to you and your cause. Let me give you an impartial statement (if I can). He is a lawyer by profession, and I think obtained his education solely by his own endeavours (for he is an orphan). I do not know that he possesses great brilliancy of intellect, but I do know that he has a clear head, a sound judgment and a pure heart, in which ingratitude could never find a resting-place. He was for sometime clerk of our courts and if you are willing to assist him, I can give you

reliable testimony of his honorable standing.

Some members of his family, if I mistake not are your personal friends, though political opponents, and he has ever belonged to their party.

All that I ask in his behalf is, that you may put him in the way of an honorable competency, and I am willing to leave the location and the calling with you. Mr Douglas you are powerful but even the great cannot number too many friends. Should you confer this favor, you will win a friend whose future life will attest his devotion.

If you desire his name and further particulars address Mary Willard Carrollton, Kentucky.

Mary Willard
Carrollton

Jan. 17. 1844

asking you to
aid a young man
of her acquaintance

J. W. Windsor
Bedford

Taylor Co
Iowa
Jan 17.
Asking speeches
& dr's !!

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Bedford Taylor Co Iowa
Jan 17th 1889

Hon. S. Douglas

Sir Lembrace

this opportunity to ask a favor of
you. The post office department
in all Southern Iowa is in a
desperate condition. Neither letters
nor papers come to us as they should.
The post masters do ^{not} attend to
their duty as they should. We put
letters in the office and that is the
last we hear of them and
papers that we should have had
in Oct, last came to us in
Dec, last, and this is the way
matters goes. And I as the
representative of the Douglas
Democracy of Taylor County Iowa
ask you to interceed for us and

put the Postal affairs in South
ern Iowa in a healthier condition
by having men, who are not red
mouth Abolitionist and Kansas
Refugees. We have a Postmaster
in this place ^{who} of the above stripe
and very seldom attends to his
business as he should and
for this office I would recom-
mend J. A. Theart A Democrat
of the right stripe

Remember me to friend
J. C. Allen of Ills

Yours respectfully
Hon, S. Douglas J. W. Windsor
Dist. Columbia
Washington City