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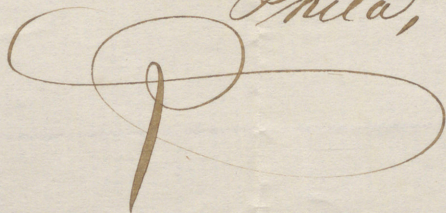
Phila. Jan 19/59

Dear Sir,

I would like very
much to have your name
among the several autographs,
which I have obtained from
you Brother Senators.

Your Obedt Servt.

Frank L. Allenius
Care Tammam Kirkham & Co
or Box 497
Phila,



Frank Attemus

Box. 497

Jan 19 Phila.

Asking Autographs

Ans

S. H. Brown
Livingston
Clark Co
Jan. 19 Ill.
asking Davis?
1859



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Livingston. Ills.
Hon. S. A. Douglas Jan - 19th 1858
Washington. City. D.C.

Sir You
will confer a favor by sending
public documents during
the session of the pleasant
Congress. Your triumphant
election was hailed with
enthusiasm by the democracy of
olde Clark. Permit me as one of
your constituents to congratulate
you upon your reelection and
the triumph of Popular Sovereni-
ty over a faction of isms. With
respects your Obt. Servant &c
(Adress) — S. H. Brown
Livingston. Clark.
County. Ills



H. M. Connelly
Newburgh
Jan. 14. N. Y.

asking your auto-
graph.

(Ans)



Newburgh Jan 19/58
Hon S. A. Douglass.
Dear Sir

Will you
honor me by forwarding your au-
tograph and oblige

Yours &c

Harry M. Connelly

Newburgh
N. Y.



Thos. A. Cunningham

Jan. 19. A. G.

asking for 1st vol.
Japan Expⁿ.

HENRY Z. HAYNER, }
HORATIO F. AVERILL, }

Office of Hayner & Averill,

Counsellors at Law, and Advocates in Admiralty.

NO. 167 BROADWAY.

New York, January 19th 1859

Dear Sir:

Our "Hamilton
Literary association" has late-
ly had its Library presented
with the Japan Expedition
save the 1st volume.

We are emboldened by your
known kindness to enterprises
like ours, to ask you to pro-
cure us the missing volume
that the set may be complete.

Be good enough to direct
your favor to

Yours very Respectfully
Thos. A. Cunningham

Hon^{ble} Stephen A. Douglas & Co. Box 3181
Washington { N. Y. Post Office
Washington {

Office of the Secretary of the Navy

Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1900

Mr. C. D. Bannister

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst.

relative to the proposed purchase of the land at the mouth of the Mississippi River, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
John D. Long
Secretary of the Navy

Marblehead January 19. 1859
Honorable S. A. Douglass Sir Should
you hereafter have Books papers or docu-
ments that you would like to have distributed
please direct them to me and I will do
it with pleasure

Yours one who admires your devotion to
~~true~~ Democratic Principles

B. Day

P.S. please direct to B. Day Marblehead
Mass

B. Day,
Mantlehead

Jan. 19. Mass.

Asking dres

Portsmouth Va. Jan, 19th 1859

My Dear Sir

In the performance of your various & multiplied duties, you may have forgotten one that addressed a note to you during the last session of Congress, asking the favour of sending me a copy of your speech on the subject of Canas, or any other document that would shed light on that subject. I received the documents you were so kind^{ly} to send me, and those I considered the best calculated to inform, I passed around, those that were most opposed to your position, and after reading them they assured me that they were most conclusive, and among them was your speech. — Since your arduous struggle in canvassing your own state for the ~~Senate~~^{ate} Senateship, and there vindicating most triumphantly, against the most formidable opposition that any one man ever had; You have come out of the battle unscathed and this day not a scar to mar your face. — I have seen extracts from your speeches in Memphis & New Orleans, and allow me to assure you that wherever they found their way into the hands of the people they have made converts to your position, (this I know, from my own personal observation) on the Sovereignty of the Territorial legislation, with respect to the right of property in slaves. The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Dred Scott, that Negroes were property and of course, the same as any other property, If right to legislate on one species of property, they could on another, Sir you made of reasoning on that subject has convinced men that I thought never could have been convinced, on that subject for I am Dear Sir one of those. — I have always been taught that the General Government was bound to protect me in my right of property in negroes, when I carried them

into a territory, but I am free to confess that I was in error. I should be glad if you have a correct printed copy of your New Orleans speech, to send me, ^{me} so that I can circulate it, for it is ^{my} the want of such reasoning, that very many stand out against your position. — And now, Dear Sir you may think, that I am presuming to much on your kind indulgence, in making the request that I am about to make, of one who is a stranger, and perhaps may always be; so far as personal interviews are concerned, but you can not be from reputation and I would not now make the request, but from your known kindness and generosity, in doing that which may better the condition of your fellow man; You may think that I have had it in contemplation to do this ever since I first addressed you, but Sir it is not so, I have been led to this from a circumstance that occurred this week; There is a rule in the Gosport Navy Yard Va, allowing so many apprentices in the different departments. — In the Ship Joiners Department ^{where} ~~in which~~ I work there would be a vacancy in a short time, I made application to have my son examined, with the expectation of getting it for him, not presuming, that the father of the young man who would soon be free, would think of presenting another son for that place, but ^{he} did so, and claims it on the ground of prior application, he has been assured by the Authorities of the Yard that he shall have it. — I ~~that~~ think it is not the design of the Navy Department at Washington to allow one man to appropriate all the little favours unto himself, but that they should be distributed among the various employes of the different Departments, that man does not belong to the Ship Joiners Department, nor never did. — I would ask you what inducement, to be diligent in business and maintain a good deportment, when there is a little favour like this to dispence, that an outsider shall come in and have all the privileges to the exclusion of those belonging to the Shop. I have worked in the

Shop for twenty years, and Sir this is the first time I have ever asked a favour. — I have said ~~that~~ much to explain to you ^{my} difficulty. — It is not my wish to have you interfere with any of the decisions of the Authorities of the yard, There is one way if I could get you to feel interested in my behalf, or rather not mine but of my son; It is this, the Ship Joiners Department is a very large one, working some eighty hands, and there is but one apprentice allowed to it, so that we spend our days toiling for government, without any prospect of providing for our sons, unless we make common labours of them, And you must know, that is very hurtful to a father's feelings, after he has educated his son and bred him to a better purpose, that through force of circumstances he should be driven to this course. — If you would take up my cause and request the Secretary to allow the Ship Joiners Department another apprentice, and if not to let my son work in the department, at Labourers pay, so that he may get a trade. You will by this act confer a lasting benefit on him and a source of great happiness to me, — Government cannot be the loser, for he will be able to earn all he will get. — Be pleased to let me hear from you Sir at your earliest opportunity, And if there is any information you may require, or Testimonials of Character I am ready to give it. —

I remain Dear Sir Yours very truly
Wm. Emerson
P. S. My sons name is William Emerson

Wm. Emerson
Portsmouth
Jan. 17 Va

Answered

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Jan 11/58.
Dear Sir,

Receipt from
Rev. G. M. Gomer
Dunkirk

Livingston Co,
With 'Pub. Exp.' receipts
of Congress.

Yrs. J. M. Gomer.

Rev. T. M. Gomer
Suntbury
Livingstone
Ill.

Jan. 20.

Doc's ?

Huntingdon Huntingdon Co Pa

Jan 19th / 59

Hon. Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir you will
confer a favor that will not be forgotten
by sending me some such Documents
as may be most convenient to you
There are many very valuable Books
printed by Congress that cannot be had
elsewhere I recd my Documents formerly
from Mr Bigler but Political reasons
prevent me asking him for any at present
Wishing you further success in the noble
stand you have taken

I Remain Yours truly

Augustine L Crin

1. Augustus L. Gurn
Huntingdon
Jan. 19. pa
asking doc's

W. Harrison
Harper's Ferry
Jan'y 19. Va.

asking about
Capitol grounds.

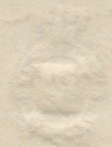


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Harper's Ferry, Va.
Jan'y 19th /58

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Sir

Will you do me
the favor to inform me what
decision, (if any,) has been ar-
rived at, in regard to the pro-
posed extension of the Cap-
itol grounds; & whether any
lots on the northwestern
side will be embraced in
the contemplated enclosure

Very Resp'y &c
W. Harrison



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Wallaupburgh Penna
 Jan'y 19th 59

Hon S. A. Douglass.

My Dear Sir -

You would
 very much oblige a friend. if
 you could send me the seventh
 or eighth vol of the Pacific R. R.
 Survey. or amongs survey of the
 Mexican boundary -

I am in as ever
 Yours &c

Jas. H. Mayberry.

W. S. S. S. S.
 Washington
 D. C.

Jas. R. Mayberry
Hollidaysburg

Jan. 19.

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Answered

J. M. Miller
Newville
Jan'y 19 Pa.

Asking documents.

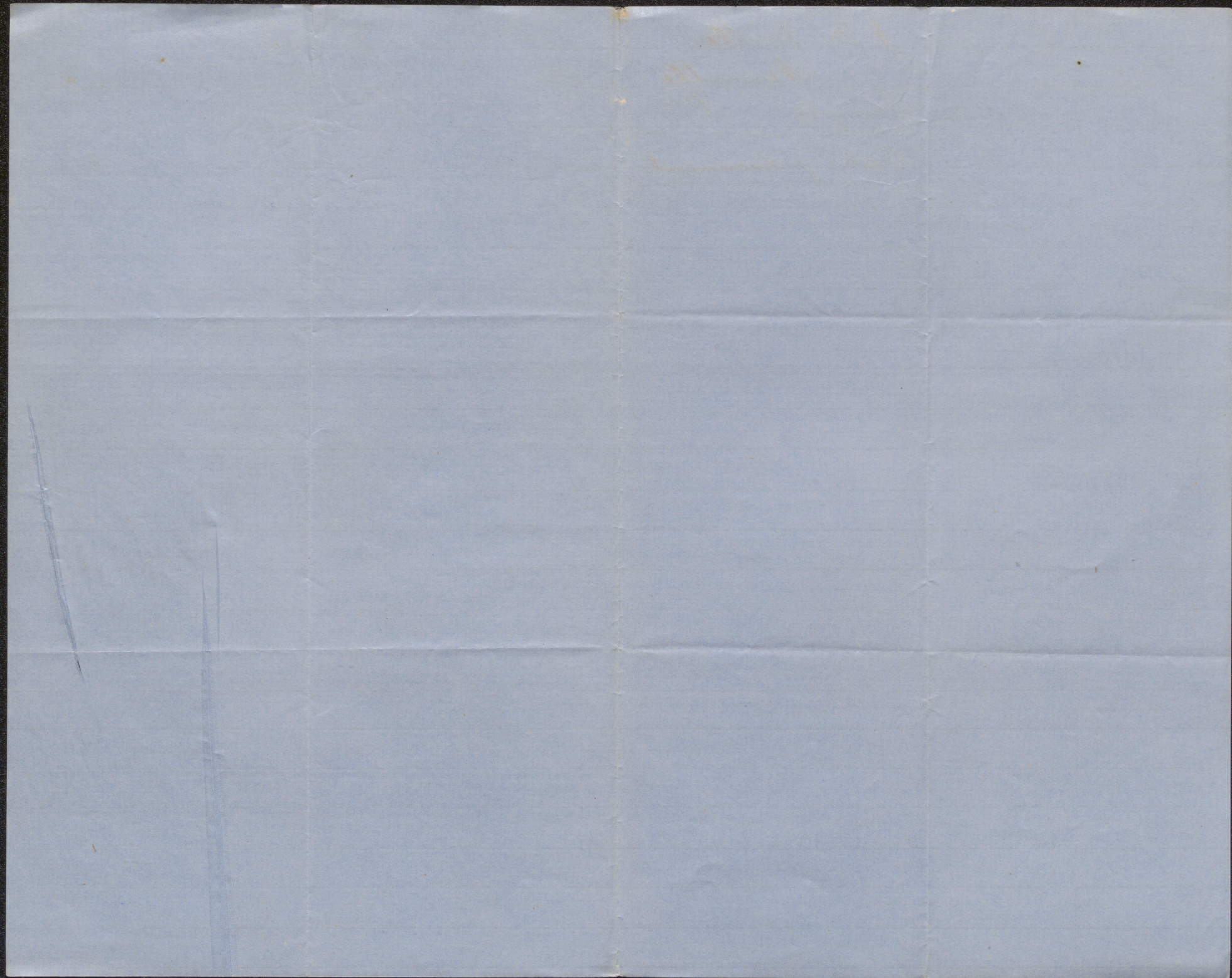
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"Valley Star" Office,
Newville, Pa., Jan. 19/59
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir -

Allow me to solicit
of you the favor of sending me
a few public documents. Anything
you may see proper to send will
be thankfully received. Can you
furnish me Vol. 6 of Pacific Railroad
Report? If so, you will greatly oblige
by so doing.

Yours in Democracy

J. M. Miller.



Rome Jan 17th 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

I am very anxious
to obtain a work called Our Commercial
Relations It would afford me great pleasure
if you will furnish me with the I have
always been in sympathy with you and I
rejoiced when you were reelected this winter
and that is why I write to you for the
work believing it to be your highest ambition
to diffuse light and knowledge

Yours Respectfully

Charles T. Mory

Address

Rome

Bradford Co

Va



Chas. N. May
Rome

Jan. 19 pm

Asks copy of
Commercial Relations

Samuel Partidge
Elmira
Jan. 19. N.Y.
The Pension bill

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1859
Elmira N.Y. Jan 19

Hon Stephen A. Douglas My dear Sir your
being a free man I take the liberty of dropping
you a line you are aware of the bill that
passed the house giving pensions to soldiers
of the war of 1812 I will simply state some of
the facts of that war It was supported in
Vermont & Hampshire by the Democrats then
called republicans opposed by the Federalists
not one of the later instance the army unless
displaced then since substituted if possible
If actually obliged to go and no escape was
mostly in the hospital or skulking duty
I know some that volunteered on all occasions
that stood high in society left comfortable society
& friends enlisted as privates for 18 months
their term of service expired just before the
battle of Lake Erie Had been skirmishing with
the enemy daily in sight of them for months
had made many hundred miles marched
during the war I had the honor of belonging
to a company of mostly that stamp I came
from my native town all or mostly capable of

Copied of commanding all republicans
of good families not one of them sought
Government wages were not considered not
one on half returned to their native homes
with the killed died of wounds or disfigurement
I know of several that are in indigent cir-
cumstances It would be a blessing to give them
a pension I am opposed to giving 3 months dis-
abled pension they never done but little if any
duty home but those that enlisted for 18 months
5 years or during the war I know it will be
opposed by all the old Federal stamp of politicians
such for instance as our Chief Magistrate
He was a Federalist of the old blue since while
in office turned him I voted against him
not that I dislike the company of the republicans
I could not think of voting for an old blue
light Federalist that opposed the just war of 1812
I know him in the 27 Congress considered him
an impostor as you have found him to be
I wish you would give this pension bill
due consideration and see if justice does
not demand the passage

I am respectfully yours Samuel Partidar

Dahlouga Georgia,
Jan'y 19. 1859.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senate

Sir: I step out of my place to address you upon a matter of material importance to a very worthy portion of our countrymen. I allude to the proposition before Congress to grant Pensions to the Soldiers of 1812.

Those soldiers have for years been expecting this benefit. The late action of the House of Rep. caused their hearts to beat warm with hope. But just at this particular juncture almost every press in the country sends forth a cry against the Bill. Why is this? Has not the press up to the present crisis favored such a measure? It is said the Senate will kill the Bill. This causes the Soldier's heart to grow cold, and he feels that he needs some giant arm to support his cause. — Think not that the public press reflects the feeling of the masses on this question. Say not that the Treasury is low. The country is rich, and our government the most economical of all great States in the world. It would require only a slight

change in the rates of income to bring our ~~revenue~~ revenue to \$100,000,000. No body would feel it.

I do not know your position in regard to the House Bill. It can well be modified. But the principle was established by the Fathers of the Republic. I trust you are in favor of the measure in some form; and I shall expect when the Bill comes up in the Senate you to make such a demonstration in its favor as no other man can make.

Think for a moment of the men who constituted the army of 1812. What strong men, ~~in~~ heart & arm they were 45 years ago, and while in their country's service. Could you now marshal the survivors of that army upon the Capital Square at Washington—call up Regiment after Regiment, and see how few of those strong men would answer to their names! and look at that few! See their bent forms & shrouded limbs! Is there a heart among all you well fed and well paid Senators that would refuse them the little pittance of 35 cents per day the little time they get have to live!!

Sir you can make such a speech as will carry the measure through, and carry relief & gladness to many an humble cabin all over ^{our} broad country.

That speech will be read by men trembling with age, and will relight the fires of happiness in more poor homes, and bring down blessings upon the

head of its author, from more needy & worthy families in every section of this great country, than any other thing which any one man can accomplish. You can roll back the tide of opposition to the measure and carry it through.

Sir, I ~~make~~ make no apologies for writing upon this subject.

I am, Very Respectfully,
A. Rudolph

A. Rudolph
Dahlonega
Jan. 14. Ga

Pensions to
Soldiers of 1812

Jan 19th 1859

Stephen A Douglas

Dear sir

Will you
oblige me by sending me the latest
copy you have of the Smithsonian
Report, also a copy of the Patent
Office Report, for 1857 and greatly
oblige your humble servant,

Walter Scott East-Smithfield
Bradford Co, Pa.

Walter Scott
East Smithfield
Bradford Co
July 19. pa

Arks Smithsonian
report.

January 19th AD 1859

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To my old friend S. A. Douglas U.S. Senate
Dear Sir I take up my pen to let you
know I am yet in the land of the
living wishing this may find you in good
Health & Prosperity — &c —
perhaps you will think strange of me
in writing to you — But I am Southern
in principle — was raised in old
Rockingham county, Carolina near
Col. Robert Martin — I have resided
here in Iowa 20 years — I want
you to send me some Newspapers
to read these long nights — & oblige
your old friend till Death

Direct Asa Young

Tipton PO

Iowa

If any Documents will be thankfully recd
I have 5000 Dollars bet that you will be
president in 1860

Asa Young
Tipton

Jan. 18. Iowa

asking doc's

Has \$5000 bet on
1860