

Harrodsburg
 Mercer Co
 Ky -

The Buchanan Democrat
 and may
 to defeat him
 as you feel
 a friend
 may think
 I am

I am a Douglas Democrat and
 enclose you the within, as small but
 interesting things which point to the
 late action of the Convention at Frank
 fort which nominated Mcgoffin. We
 regard it as a triumph over the Buck
 umer Men, headed by Boyd T Talbot
 He has even been your friend and re-
 sisted your expulsion from the party, to-
 gether with ourselves, on account of an
 honest difference of opinion upon
 the Kansas question. His district is
 probably much stronger for you than
 any in Ky. - See Resolutions page 5 in Nash
 & Marion ^{approving them} ~~and~~ ⁱⁿ ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~book~~ ^{book} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~present~~ ^{present}
 at the meeting. We are delighted with
 his nomination of Caudle & he will be
 elected by 20,000 votes, at least. He is prob-
 ably now in St. Orleans and will be here
 in about a month. I am unknown to you
 but ^{when} you were right on the Kansas
 question - ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~front~~ ^{front} - A Douglas Democrat
 says nothing about the contents of this
 letter but he is your friend all over.

THE FRANKFORT CONVENTION---HON.
BERIAH MAGOFFIN.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29, 1858.

Editor Kentucky Statesman:

Dear Sir—It is claimed here by Douglasites, that the Hon. Beriah Magoffin is a "Douglas man." If such is the fact, the *anti*-Douglas men of Kentucky should know it; and if, as is also claimed here, his nomination by your approaching convention is to be considered a Douglas triumph, the administration democrats in Ohio protest against it. If Kentucky is to assist in adding to the elevation of a man sworn to take unrelenting vengeance upon every supporter of the administration in the north, and consequently upon men who are the only reliance of the south, we will, without hesitation, cast the burthen from our shoulders—now almost crushing us to the earth—and let the south obtain her constitutional rights as best as she can. We will never rally under the black flag, but we will fold our stars and stripes, to be unfurled upon a more fit occasion. No democrat here would interfere in a matter local to Kentucky, but in the present instance, it seems, your nomination is to be national in its effect.

C.

Anonymous
Harrington
Ky

Jan 20.
1859

Mr Stephen A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

FREE



Milwaukee July 20th 1859

S. A. Douglas Esq

Pray don't commit yourself on the Tariff
question: It is just as local as the Slave question
Is Mr Morrison or Morris (I have forgotten his
name) from your State: sound ~~on~~ in his
Idea of Sovereignty = Is not Uncle Sam the
only sovereign untill he quit claiming
pardon this intrusion from a Non Extension
Democrat

If you choose to answer this inquiry please
address Box 514 = Milwaukee P.O.

Yrs^l A. B. C.

To the Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

Anonymous
Milwaukee
Wis
Jan 20
Political

Jan 20th 1859

Elizabeth

J. Davis & Co.
Illinois

To the Hon Stephen A Douglas.

Dr Sir Being urged by a few friends to write you, I do so, under the impression that it is not right to encroach on your time, just now.

Mr Washburne sends his supporters a quantity of Patent office reports &c.

We are in the minority in this section and get none of course. Now Sir If you will inform your Secretary to send to me a few Patent office reports &c, I could distribute them to as many friends, that would feel grateful for the favor, and not forget to return the compliment for the country's good. we will be sure to take notice and govern ourselves accordingly -

Respectfully
and Fraternally
Yours

Robert Barker

J M.

R. Barker P. M.
Elizabeth
Is. Jarvis Co.

Jan. 20 Ill.

asking copies of
Pat. office reports
for distribution

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H. S. Bartram
Northville
Litchfield Co

Jan. 20 Con.

asking doc's

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Northville Litchfield Co
Jan'y 20th

Hon S A Douglas

Sir

I am under
many obligations to you
for public documents sent
me & congratulate you
upon your late triumph
at home & successful return
to the Senate Connecticut
regards your course with
interest & your speeches have
not been unmiss here in
making political capital
Democracy is the watchword
here, but Secession, never
will go down. We are with

you in sentiment & when
our turn comes to vote
we shall not be found wanting

My residence is changed
from East Kent to Northville
in this County - where
I was Asst Post Master
but my "head was cut off"
on account of my "Sympathy
for Douglas" So you see
the crusade was not confined
to Illinois alone. The
PL has been removed but
my sentiments are unchanged
immutable

Any other papers
will be thankfully received
by me at Northville Mich. Co
Yours in our Country Cause

Hon
S. C. Douglas U.S.S.
A. Sterling Graham

Cyril H. Brackett
N. Y.
Jan. 20.

asking for copy of
your eulogy on
Harris.

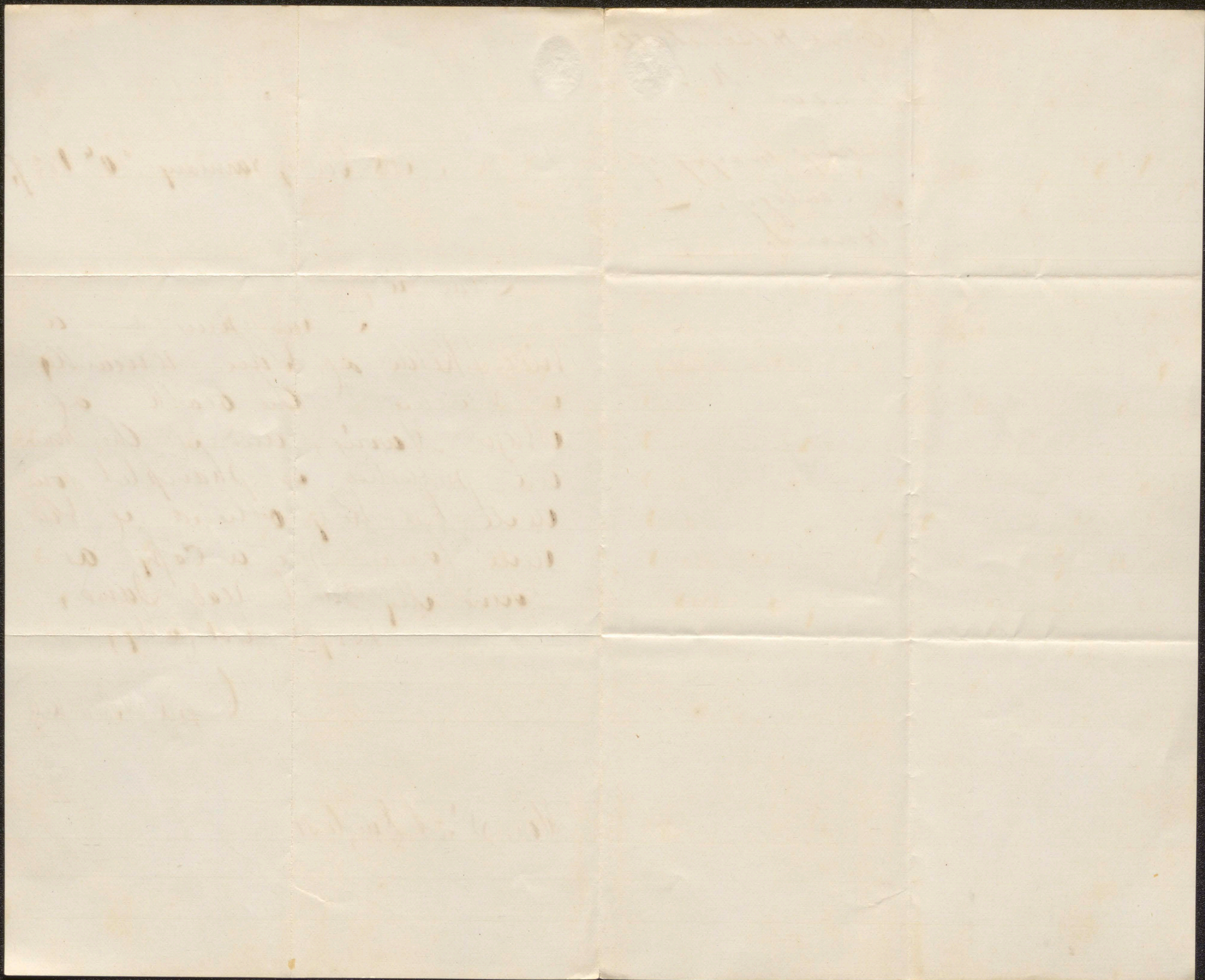
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New York, January 20th 1857.

Dear Sir, I have perused a
brief sketch of your remarks
in reference to the death of
Major Harris, and if the same
are published in pamphlet form
will feel truly obliged if you
will forward me a copy, as
I desire to read same,
Very respectfully,

Cyril H. Brackett

Wm. S. A. Douglass





Boston Jan 20th 1869.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.

Kind Sir

As I am collecting Autographs. You would confer.
a great favor by sending me yours

Yours Respectfully
Edw C. Bradbury.

Please direct Edw C. Bradbury in the care of
Chandler & Co Summer St Boston. Mass.

Ed. C. Bradbury
Care
Chandler & Co
Summer St
Jan. 18 Boston

Asking autographs

Answered



Waltham N. H. Jan 20th 1859

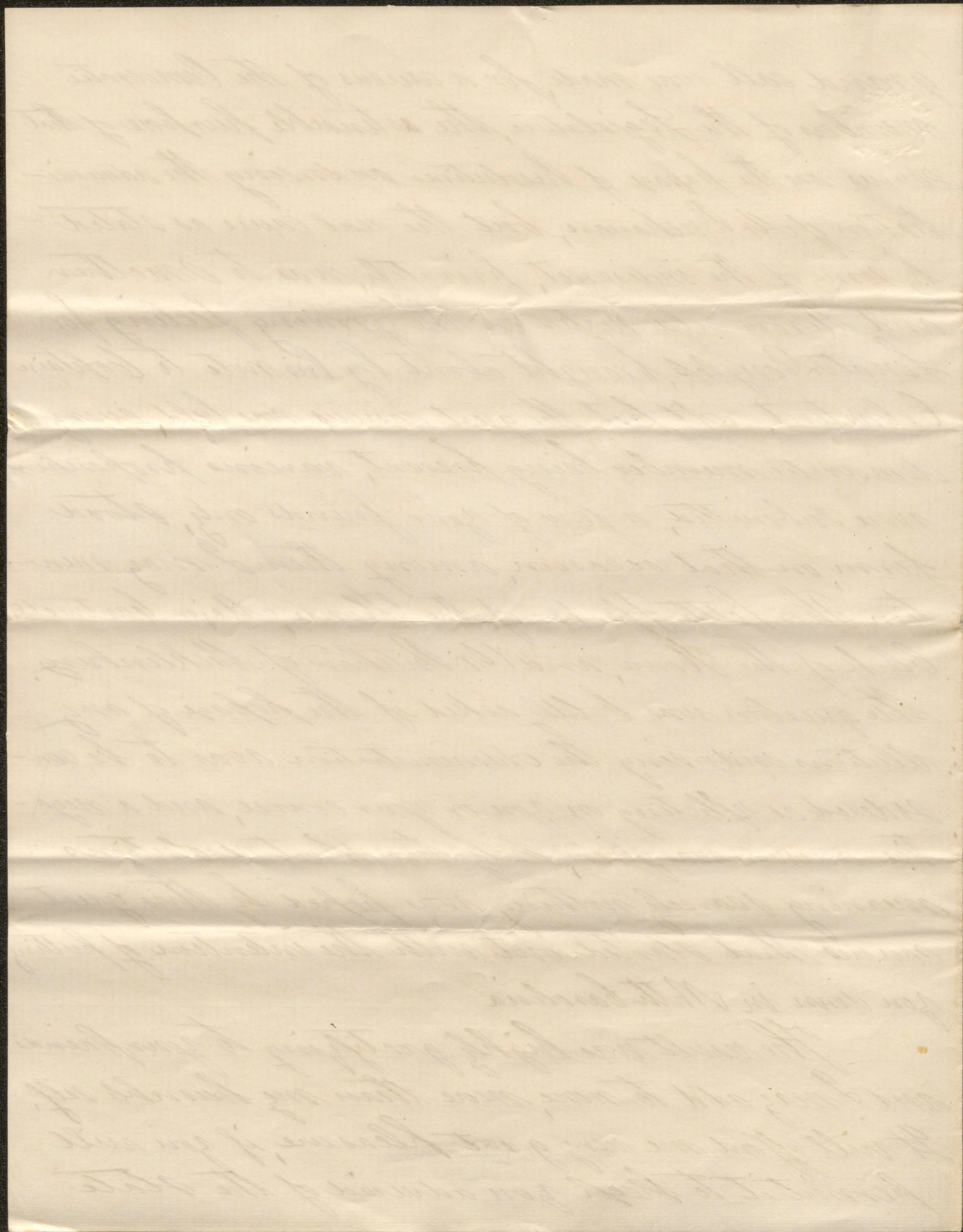
Honored Sir

Your kind favor, dated at Chicago a short time after the contest in Illinois, in reply to a note of mine, was duly received. I have waited for some time (not wishing to trouble you until you reached Washington) that I might lay before you the effect of even that short note.

The Legislature of our State has been in session for nearly 2 months, I have the pleasure of the personal friendship of most of the prominent members of that body, to many of them, I showed your note, and notwithstanding their former declarations, and the fear of the Standard, and every other dirty little sheet, in the State, they expressed their admiration for the sentiments it contained. just at this time, some very strong Administration Democrats among them the Senator from this County (Wake) began to think unless they done something to uphold our Democratic President, and to check the growing feeling in your favor, they would never come to the Legislature again. To bring this about, a

grand call was made for a caucus of the Democratic members of the Legislature, the ostensible purpose of that caucus was the passage of Resolutions endorsing the administration of Mr Buchanan, but the real cause as stated by some of the indiscreet, privately, was to smother and throw cold water on the growing feeling for Senator Douglass, brought about by his note to Captain Cebastret. At last the great caucus was held, every democratic member being present, various propositions were submitted, a few of your friends only, stood firm on that occasion, among them I may mention Thos Little Speaker of the House, Major Cantwell Clerk of the House, and Mr. Pritchard of Mecklenburg. The question was boldly asked if the passage of any resolutions endorsing the Administration was to be considered as reflecting on you or your course, and a negative answer was given, only two short resolutions meaning scarcely nothing was passed by this great caucus that started out with the intention of putting you down in North Carolina.

The result was highly gratifying to your friends and I may add to none more than my humble self. It will afford me very great pleasure, if you will permit it to keep you advised of the state



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of feeling not only among the masses but
also among the leaders of the party. Any doc-
uments or speeches you may think will set
you right before the people, or that will be advan-
tageous to you that they should read if sent to
me, shall be distributed throughout the en-
tire Congressional District. If you can pro-
cure them permit me to suggest you do so,
in large numbers. Ex Sen Dixon's letter to Ex Sen
Forte. I wish every working man and farmer
in this District could see that letter //

I am a magistrate in this County and have
an extended acquaintance in nearly all the County
comprising the District, and any Document or
Speech, you may desire the people of N.C. to see,
if you will send it to me I will take especial
pains to have distributed and circulated widely
and thoroughly asking pardon for con-
suming so much of your valuable time

I remain

With the highest Respect

Your friend

J. L. Webster

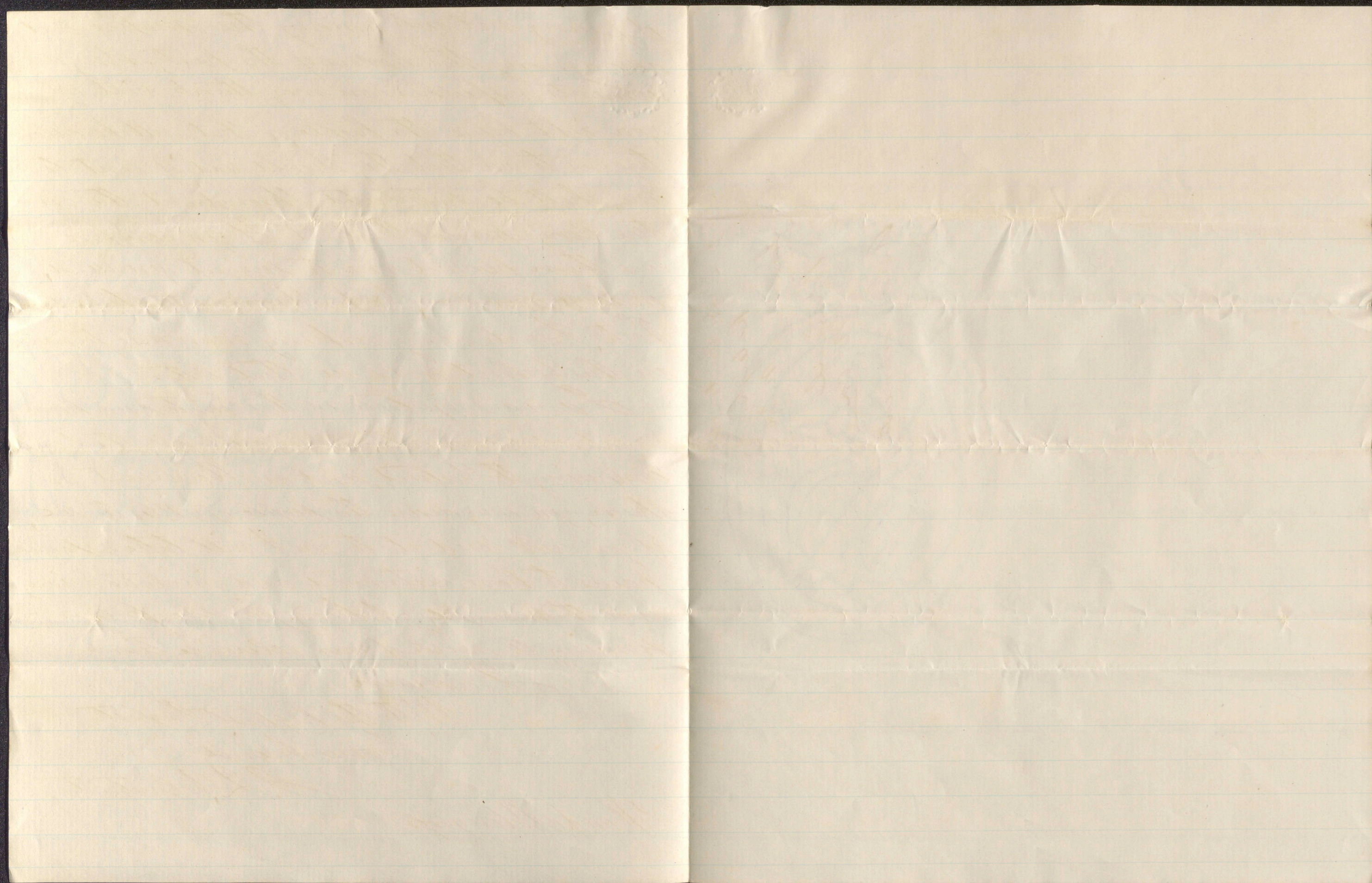
Hon. J. C. Douglass

J. L. De Carteret
Raleigh
Jan. 20. N. Ca.

Political
N. Ca.

Asks documents

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Wenepin Putnam County Illinois
January 20th 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Thinking you might take time to read a line from one of your warmest admirers and sympathisers in the late campaign, I venture to address you. The more I think of the past, the influences which were brought to bear &c am stronger in the faith, that your re-election is the ^{greatest} ~~greatest~~ triumph of the age, the "Liberators" seem cool since the election - with all you have more strength than ever before in Illinois.

I notice something doing about a Pension for Soldiers of 1812. If the law passes, you will confer a favor by procuring for me blank forms &c for obtaining the Pension. In feeling I oppose the passage of such an act, but in event of its passage wish to be prepared to make applications. any expense for blanks I will remit for at once.

Lovejoy supplies his abolition friends profusely with documents. how does he slide along, I hope the voters of this Dist. will awake to a sense of feeling. By 1860 and elect. a Dem. Rep. or in case they must have a Republican that they redeem themselves far enough at least to send a white Republican
I remain Your obt Servt
Geo. Bent

Geo. Dent,
Hennepin
Jan. 20. Ill
asking dr's

no 255 So 5th st

Philadelphia Jan'y 20th 1839

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Upon the 22^d day of February 1832, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Washington, Our citizens laid in the public square bearing his name the corner stone of a monument to his memory.

To the present time nothing further has been done and those connected with our public schools, feeling the shame of this neglect have determined to complete the work so begun. So that end you will perceive, Sir, by the accompanying pamphlet that an organization has been effected, officers appointed and addresses issued to the public.

The undersigned have been instructed to solicit your co-operation in their task by delivering a Lecture in our City at an early time best suited to your convenience.

Expecting the pleasure of your apent and an early answer, we remain

Your O^bt Serv^ts

Geo. Dougherty Chm'n

B. F. Hart

M. A. Davis

C. Shaffer

R. Angney M.D.

Committee on Lectures

Gen. L. Douglass
& others

Phila.
Jan. 20.

Asking you to
lecture in aid
Phila. Wash^g
monument aff^r

Answered



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Chaska Carver County Minn Jan 20/59
 Mr. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir with a Joyful heart I received
 the pleasing intelligence of the election
 in Illinois and lately your Election to the
 United States Senate. Go in Steph I am not
 quite 21 years of age yet but my first
 vote will be for you for President of the
 United States if God will spare you
 you may think it strange in a young
 lad for writing such a letter but I cannot
 help it my heart is so full of
 thankfulness to Minnesota benefactors.
 I expect you will have a quite laugh at
 my letter. but I give you the privilege of
 a loud and hearty laugh you may put
 your lungs in locomotion. those quite laughs are
 not healthy but enough of nonsense -
 If you go in for President you may be sure
 of a majority in Carver County if I have
 to stump the whole county myself
 the whole county are Douglas men the
 few blacks that are around here we
 will completely route.
 once more Steph go in and so good by
 for the present

I remain your well wisher and friend
 Nicholas. Faber.

Nicholas Haber

Chuska

Jan. 20. 1890. Minn.

Political

speech to
Rich. L. D.

Sent Alton
Harris Engraving

Jan 20th 1859

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St Josephs Colledge Perry County Ohio

Jan 20
1859

Honorable Sir

If it would not be presuming
to much upon your goodness, I would ask as a favor
of you any Speeches or Documents for or against the
acquisition of Cuba. And any other Speeches
or political documents will be thankfully Received

By Yours &c

James E. Fink

Direct to St Josephs Colledge Perry County Ohio

Gas. C. Pinks

St Joseph's College

Perry Co

Jan. 20.

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Asking dues

John Fleming
Xenia
Jan. 20. O.

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Xenia O Jan'y 20/59

Hon S A Douglass

Dr Sir

Since I last
wrote you, I have removed from
Allegheny City to Xenia Greene
Co Ohio - and would be much
pleased to receive from you
some public documents - as I
am acquainted with any of the
Ohio members. Our mutual
friend D Boss Esq of Chicago
told me you would send me
Perry's Expedition to Japan - if
you could do this it would be
a very great favor - or any
other public document of interest
address as above. Your humble
servant
John Fleming



Hamilton Hancock
County Illinois Jan 20
1859

Hon S A Douglass

My dear Sir

you would confer quite
a favor on me if you would
send me a set of the Patent
Office reports for 1857

Agricultural & Mechanical

I congratulate you upon your
selection to the Senate

yours truly

Samuel Gordon

Hon S A Douglass

Washington

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Sam. Gordon
Hamilton
Hanover Co

Jan. 20

Ill.

asking copies of
Patent office reports

Meredith Village, N.H., Jan, 20.

Stephen A. Douglas.

Sir:

If your remarks in the
Senate Jan. 13, have been published in pamphlet form, will you please send me a copy.

Respectfully,

Geo. S. Hilton.

Gen. S. Hilton
Meredith Village

Jan. 20. N. H.

Asks speech

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B. B. Howard

Galena

Jan. 20

1859

Introductory

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Galena Jan 20th 1859

Dear Sir
Mr Darius Huntin's
the bearer herof is one
of our most worthy and
esteemed Citizens and
a Douglass Democrat
Mr Huntin's
leaves to day on an
Eastern tour and intends
to visit Washington.

Any attention you may
please to render him will
be thankfully received by
him and oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Servant

Hon.
S. A. Douglass & B. B. Howard
Washington D. C.



Parsonsfield, Maine, Jan. 20th 1859

Hon. St. A. Douglass -

Dear Sir,

Feeling a lively interest in the welfare & consequently in the politics of the country I cannot be indifferent to the position of our Statesmen. Permit me therefore, though personally a stranger to you, to congratulate you on the result of your great contest in Illinois; - a victory, all things considered of more importance never achieved by any man since the foundation of our Republic.

During the contest, considering the combinations against you in front & rear I was in fearful apprehension for your fate, but thanks, - a thousand thanks to the sound intelligent Democracy of Illinois you were sustained in your position of consistency on sound political principles.

I forbear to say more on these principles so much misunderstood & misrepresented.

I congratulate you on your success personally in attaining a commanding position satisfactory to your most ardent friends. You had many here before, and many - very many more since the commencement of your late ^{contest} ~~cont~~.

But, though gratifying to yourself & personal friends in the highest degree, I consider the victory in a public view of vastly more importance as a great fact bearing on the politics of the whole country. It will do more to bring into effective combination the whole Democratic element in the North than any other event of the last six years - I had almost said than all others.

The principles you have so successfully discussed & sustained in Illinois will in the discussion & result be the means of having them better understood; and of ^{bringing} back to the Democratic ~~ranks~~ hosts of timid & unreflecting seceders.

The mischief resulting from a misrepresentation & misunderstanding of the principles of the Nebraska law was done by superficial or unprincipled public men taking a lead to denounce them; and the timid course of the press in not boldly discussing & sustaining them. Many of these misguided men have labored hard to repair the mischief of their shortsighted error, but have lost confidence & influence with most of those they succeeded in leading or scaring off. I trust that time, reflection, and the example & influence of the stable & consistent men of the Party who have stood firm & untimpered in their thinned ranks will restore to us our conquering numbers.

Encouraged by your example & success every
sound

sound man will feel to march up to his whole duty, not simply of giving his own vote but of preparing others to give an understanding vote in accordance with the old Democratic principles.

Anxious that you shall continue to receive the reward of your well sustained principles and become the rallying point of the great mass, the rank & file, the sound part of the Party - the National Party of principles I have taken the ^{to make known} liberty to you my appreciation & approbation of your course.

I am, Sir, respectfully yours &c
Rufus W. Felt

Rufus McIntire
Parsanfield
Jan. 20 Maine
Congratulatory

[Douglas Papers]

Jackson Jan 20

Dear Sir

We have a Black
 Republican Congressman
 (C. Dodd) and the Senate
 in I cannot get a potent
 Officer Report as only other
 public document.
 Will run be so kind as
 to send a potent Officer
 Report to

Mr. J. McLean
 Mr. W. McLean
 C. C. Burroughs
 C. C. Simpson
 C. C. Valentine
 C. C. Butler
 C. C. Valentine
 Wm. McMillen
 J. Widdell

Yours & M

Jackson
 Washington
 Leg
 N York

M. A. McLean
& others

Jackson

Washington

June 20. N.Y.

asking patent
officers reports

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Hon^l A. A. Douglass

My Dear Sir

I wish to address a few
 Lines in my broken way
 on a very important Subject
 I am one of the Old Soldiers
 of the War of 1812 & am a
 native of N. H. the same as
 you are, therefore I take
 more Liberty in writing you
 I was a Sergeant in Capt. E. M. M.
 Burnap's Company of the 31
 Regt. United States Infantry
 raised in N. H. to serve during the
 War I served between one &
 two years, was at the Battle
 of Plattsburgh N. Y. & discharged in
 June 1815 at Plattsburgh N. Y.,
 the Record of our Regt. in the War

department in Washington.
~~make~~ we poor Soldiers
are dispersed over all the States
& in particular the Western States
I have many Old Comrades.
in your State of Illinois &
Hennepin contains a number
that I correspond with
Dr. John Pulsipher, Sons
C. Eddy & Son Merchants in Hennepin
I hit My Dear Sir most of
us are poor & many destitute
I last season had a letter from
one of the Old Soldiers that
served with me in the same com-
pany residing in western Ky.,
saying that he had become deaf
by the roar of the cannon at
Pleasantburg & death poor
requesting me to assist him
to obtain a Pension. I wrote
him in return that I hoped we
should all soon have one

soon, that served as long & faithfully
as we had I urged him
& all other Old Soldiers to Petition
Congress immediately setting
forth our destitution & want
that Government ought to help
us a little & give us a Pension
the remaining few days that
we have to spend on Earth
that our gray hairs may not
go down to the grave with
dishonour to country after
spending our young & best days
in ^{the} Army of the United States in that
trying times when the Democrat
party had to fight that power-
ful Nation Old England & the rebel
party beside at home, & we
come off gloriously at last & stand
now as a great & powerful
Nation & money enough if our
National affairs are conducted
right as they ought to be

& Let our poor Soldiers have a
Pension the House has passed a
bill & I hope ^{the} Senate will
pass it & we all Soldiers will
then rejoice ^{that} our Country has
done right by us, better than
we deserve. My Dear Sir will
you give us a helping hand
on this occasion

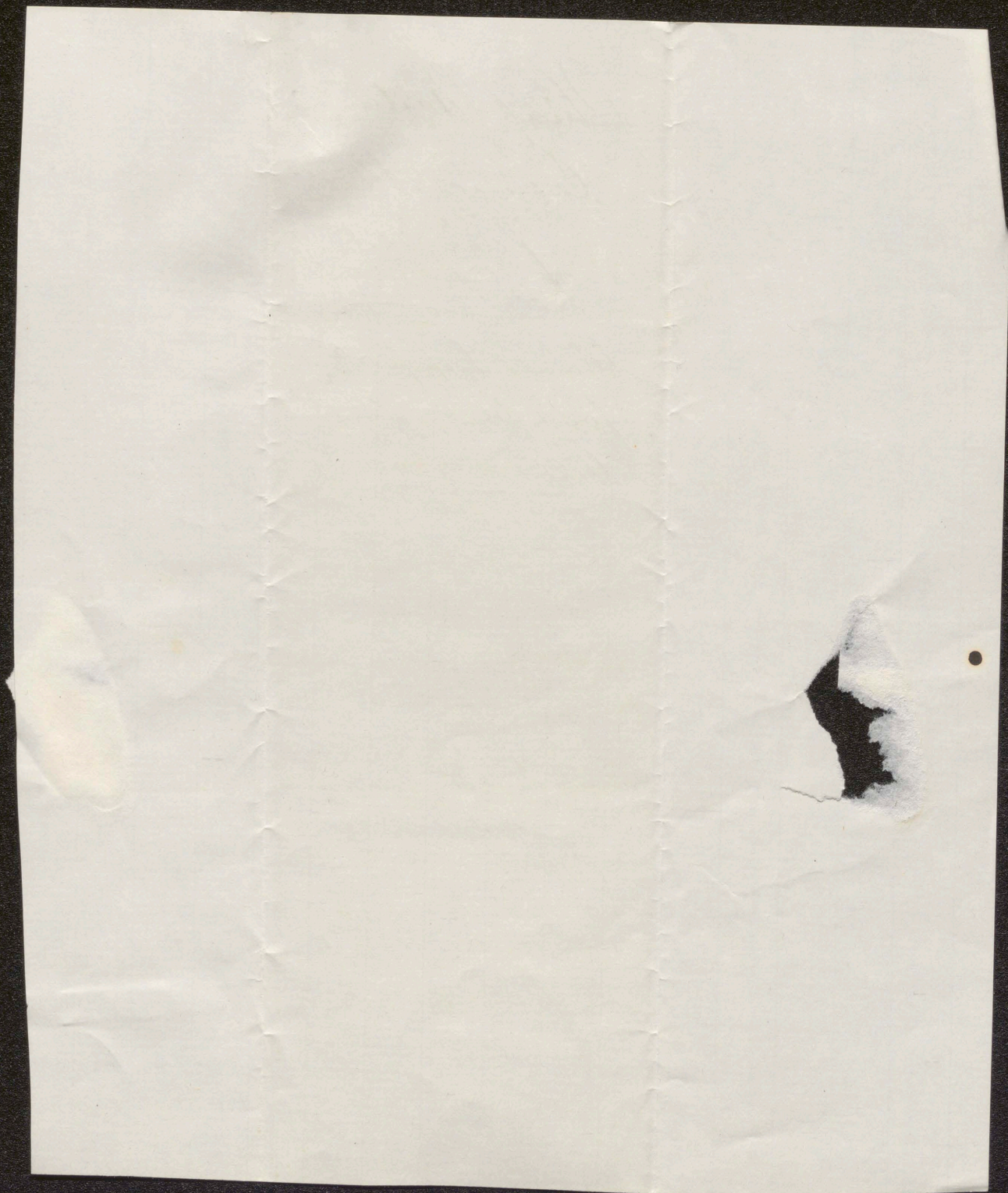
My Dear Sir a few words from
a humble citizen I have watched
your movements ever since ~~the~~
you took the stand on the Secession
constitution if any part of your
was right ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~right~~ ^{gloried} in
it, you have had a hard battle
to fight & you have come
off victorious & now my
friend keep the great power
of the People from being
swallowed up by the Executive
& let freedom expand over
the Nation, you can do it

Philip Marshall

P.S. Write me soon for you can &
let me know what prospect of
the Paper will be passing -

Philip Martin
Orange Mass.
Jan'y 20. 1859.

Wants Support
for old Soldier's
bill



Center Point Knox Co Illinois
20 January 1859

Now
J. A. Souglap
Dear Sir

Will you please forward to
this office, a few public documents
& newspapers, from time to time
as it will suit you,

With my best wishes for your self
& family. I remain yours, &c

A. H. Moore P. Master
Center Point
Illinois

N. A. Moore P. M.
Centre Point

Jan. 20. Know co Ill.

asking doves

P.R. Pomeroy

N. Y.
Jan. 20.

Letters to Fowler &
Wood.

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New York Jan 20. 1859
Hon. F. Douglass,
Sir Cousin,

How does Mary
Alwood & yourself stand? Is he
your friend? Can you give me
a letter to him? Mr. Fowler
Past Master I know is your
friend. Can you give me a
letter to him? asking both
to assist me in some way.
I find it hard to get a long
a letter to either of the above
from you will help me I think.
I presume you can not do any
thing in the Customs for me
do not fail to answer by
return mail

Confidential Yours truly
Paris R. Pomeroy

Remember me to your family



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Monticello Va Liberty Breeze Jan 24
 W. Irving Garrison to John 1859

To
 The Am. A. S. Congress
 Washington

My dear Sir

The fact cannot be denied, that the
 Democratic Party, upon this point, is in a
 very unprincipled position. Indeed it is very
 inconsistent with me, whether any question
 of National policy can be started, so as to
 draw the inconsistent party together, in 1860, it
 has now done in the past, such a party
 such indifference & so strong an opposition
 to the, corruption, & abuse, by the Census Syst^m
 The Census system must necessarily be
 of late years, for the selection of candidates
 for the popular support, is being in the eff^{ective}
 sitting down other purposes, of persons
 applying. The fact is, however, that of an
 individual, standing before of their self
 constitution bearing, thus will open in all the
 history, in matter how uniform & consistent
 may have been his public & private action
 in matter how the popular situation
 may compromise him, & ruin his career

in public life, & the maximum as he was not
& more not subsistent to all the things of
their parties, he is falsely sneering
& denouncing, that the Constitution of the
Republic is abusive, capricious & immoral
than democracy & standard. But on
happy day, that the days of this game
is humiliated. It is merely placed on the
people on reproach, attracting their attention
to the subject, why the idea is propagation,
that under our democratic republican
system of government. That four men
four men, in the smaller political countries
America, in our country & four people
to forty men, in the larger division
shall claim & exercise the authority
of fixing upon the representatives & giving
them the name of party. When the fact
is self evident that the Constitution of
these countries, in the main, are self
evident, claims upon change are to
keep the affairs in among themselves
& of course, always, keep in the center
of the newspapers. "Thank God, there
is a fund of good sense among the people
that will not always be deceived."

ps. Don't forget to come in }
the accompanying }
Don't miss it or }
Sermon from, Peabody

J. J. Povley
Liberty Corner

Jan. 20. N.J.

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Cleveland Jan'y 20th/59
My Dear

I learned by Mr. Payne who has recently returned from Washington of the good health of yourself & family. I was also gratified to hear that you were also in good spirits which is almost indispensable to a person having had to contend as you have with his Satanic Majesty & his corporals for the last 18 mo.

It is however consoling to know from Bible authority too, that after being loosed for a short season (which I believe has just passed) this same Satan shall be chained 1000 years. and during that period honest men get their reward.

Payne talks a good deal about trating old Buck kindly and condemns the Chicago Times for the article published a few weeks since that created some sensation. Now as to the policy of that article I have nothing to say but as to its truthfulness, I say it is in my opinion as true as holy writ. Payne however says he thinks the world and all of you & further says

he is for you all the time which
I hope & trust is true. That many
God knows of others too numerous to
mention that were opposed to you
now are for you now is true

That you can (if a candidate) in
1860 carry Ohio there is no question
whatever. It is pretty generally believed
(firmly by me) that you are the
only Democrat that we can elect
in 1860. I think some of the Southern
men who wrote letters during the Illinois
campaign last summer, will have a
chance to decide whether they prefer
you to a Black Republican or not.

What say you to taking your
wife & children up to Vermont next summer
& stay a few weeks, till you do it?

Say to Mr. Cutts that we have
made the acquaintance of his friend
Dickman & like him very much indeed.

We are all well. Make our
kind regards to your better half the
Boys. Mr. & Mrs. Cutts believe me as ever

Yours Truly
D. P. Chandler

Hen S. A. Douglass

Washington

Dec -

G. P. Rhoads,
Cleveland
Jan. 20. O.

Political

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State of Ills.

Dixon Aug. 21st 1837

Wm. L. N. Douglas

Dear Sir, What do you think about the propriety of organizing a territorial government for the western portion of Kansas? There are many thousands who feel an interest in the matter - thousands in Illinois who expect to migrate thither in the course of the next three months - and they will need some government nearer home than the government of Kansas and ^{one} not be embarrassed with the vexed questions connected with Kansas - If a ^{territorial} government could be organized over all of the territory between the 100 or 101st degree of longitude and the eastern limits of Utah lying between the 37th and 40th degrees of latitude. It would be of sufficient extent and in very proper shape - perhaps that portion of Utah known as the "middle Beck" ought to be included - Suppose you examine the question and if you think best bring it before Congress - I have no doubt but that there will be more than 100,000 persons in that country before the first of June - Very many families in their part of the State and in fact all over the country are going - I propose going out there myself - I trust that

you will consider the subject of sufficient im-
portance to give it a little attention -

If there are any documents, ^{or maps} published relating
to that part of the County particularly - and you can
get them without difficulty I shall be under
incurred obligations for them.

I am dear friend

most obt. servt.

Wm. G. Sheffield

Wm. E. Sheffield
Dixon

Jun. 20. Ill

Relative to organizing
territorial govt for
western part of
Kansas & adjoining
dr's.

Illinois Central Railroad Company,

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Chicago, Jan 20 1859 185

My dear Sir, You have doubtless heard that Dubois, (the Auditor of State) has instituted in the Supr. Court a suit against our Road to recover some \$150,000, as a tax additional to the 7 pr. c^t. now & heretofore paid, upon the gross rec^ds of the Road. This is demanded under a new construction of the charter - a thing never contemplated or thought of before -

This thing has been put in motion by Lincoln & his especial friends - not so much perhaps from a resentful feeling connected with his defeat, as from his old quarrel with the C^o. which you understand -

We have a bill prepared, & our friends are canvassing the Legislature, relieving us from this construction of the charter. - There is a good prospect of success - but Mr. Osborn & Cap^t. M. F. Holland, who have just come from Springfield, say that the more serious difficulties are encountered with some of your leading friends from Egypt - who make an objection to the Equity or justice

of the measure, yet seem afraid of their
Constituents - They believe, as I do, that a
word from you, will have more influence
with such objectors, than any other influence
we can bring to bear -

Josh Allen is canvassing
the Legislature for us, & knows better than
any one there, how each one of these men
can be reached.

We want to bring your
influence to bear on them - & it can best
be done by means of a strong letter addressed
to Allen, which in his discussion he can
use privately with his refractory friends -
Of course it will be very cautiously
employed, & so that by no possibility
any harm may or can result to you -

Will you at the earliest moment write
him a letter on the subject -

According to this new
construction, the taxes on the Road will
be 12, instead of 7 per cent, on its gross
receipts - It would break the Company
down - flat - nothing could save it - it

was near contemplated as you well know
- the 7 per cent is more than it should be - but that
we don't propose to meddle with -

You will by reference
to the 18th & 22^d sections of the charter
detect the provisions, under which the Auditor
makes his claim -

Our friend W. Osborn
suggested to me to day, that he thought it
rather hard that he should be compelled to
come out here to fight a battle with our own
friends, & men who ought instead of opposing
our interests, to stand by us -

If this action -
opposing to you a task on you, I wish you
would, (as well as to Josh Allen) write two
or three letters to some other of your friends
in the House, from Egypt - I am going
to Springfield to night, & I shall claim
(yet more emphatically perhaps than has
yet been done by any of our men,) the support
& defence of the Democrats from Egypt on the
score of reciprocity - I - a party that won't
stand by the vital interests of its friends - at least
when only justice & fair dealing is demanded -

Pray don't be afraid of your letter, if you
can confide in my regard for you & my
discretion - In haste

Very faithfully
Yr friend
D. Stuart

Chicago 20 Jan 77

Senator Douglas {
Washington }

D. Stuart
Chicago
Jan. 20 1877

Respects your
influence in
Legislature

Illinois Central
R. R.

Orleans, Morgan County Illinois
May - 20th 1859

Hon^{ble} Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

You will please send me
copy of Patent Office Reports Agricultural & Mechanical, that
are now ready for distribution, if the Report of 1858 is not
ready, please send for 1857 by so doing

Yours oblige Louis

Most Respectly

Wm. A. Lynn

Wm. A. Lyons
Orleans

Morgan Co
Jan. 20. Ill.

Shipping Pat. Office
Reports.

Sent

Jan 20th 1859

Dear Sir
 please send me the Agricultural
 part of the Patent office report for
 the year 1857 and also some seeds
 from the same or patent office if you
 can and I shall be your obliged
 and obt servt.

Hon S. A. Douglas
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Issac Pittsworth
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 Pike County
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Georg Littlejohn
Summer Hill

Pike Co.

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Valencia Jan^y 19th 1839 7211

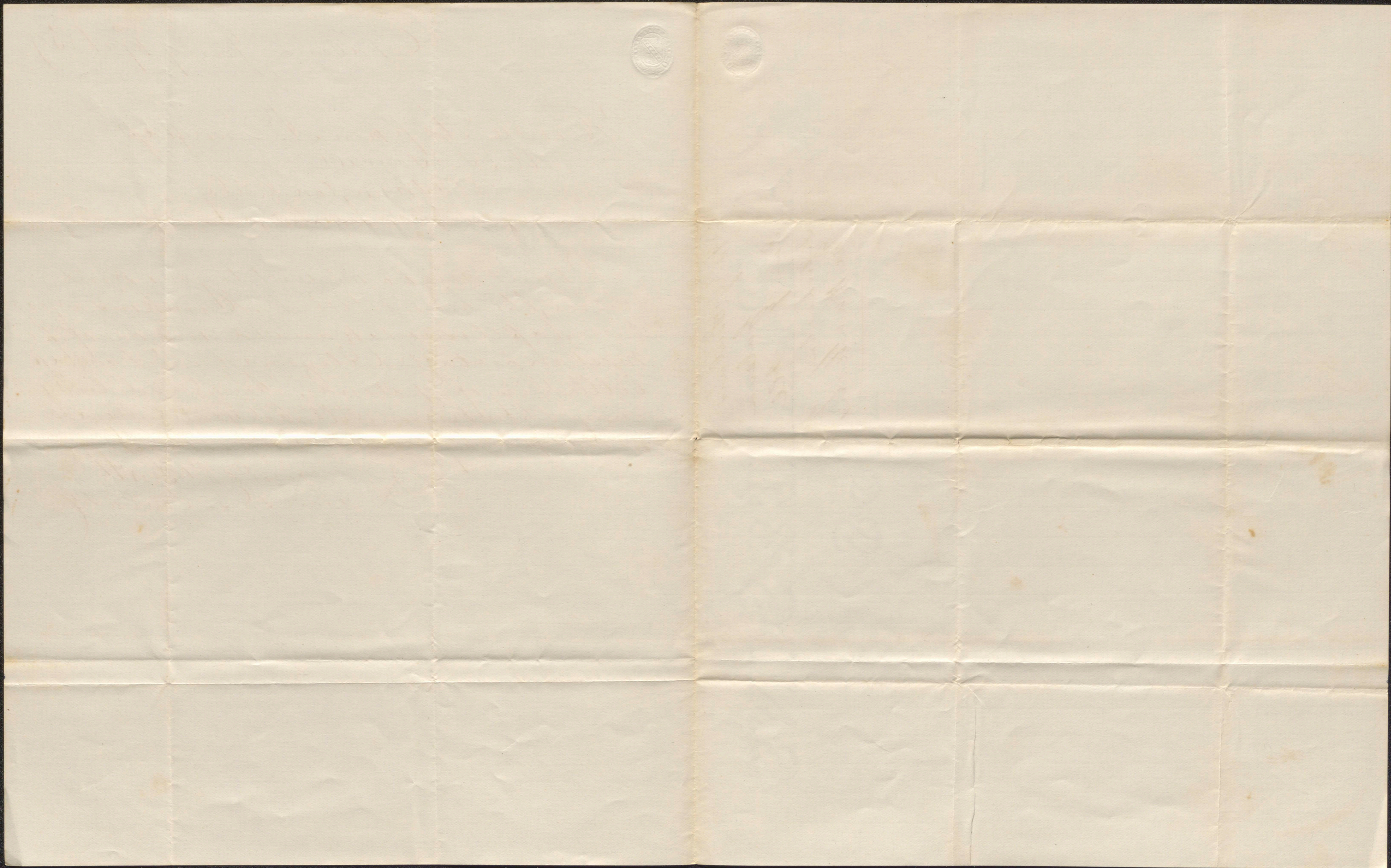
Honble Stephen A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
Washington City
Dear Sir,

Permit me to present to your kind
Notice the bearer Mr D. Jenkins a good
Douglass Amoret, an old and one of the
most respectable Citizens of our Douglass
little City of Valencia. Any Civilities you
may show him will be gratefully ac-
= knowledged by

Respectfully
Yours obt^s Serv^t
James S. Soulat

Gas. G. Souland
Galena
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Introductory of
Mr. Souland



Toulon Stark County
Illinois January 24th 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas Sir

After my
best respects to you. I should take it
as a great favor if you would send me the
Congressional Globe and Appendix of the
last session of Congress as they contain much
valuable information I should like to have
for future reference.

There is a Sante
Post Office at Mazon in this County that
is much in our way. The Office is kept
by L. M. Brown a good Democrat and a warm
friend of yours. If you think we can get the
Sante Post Office removed and Brown appointed
please let me know and I will see Gen. Thomas and
L. M. Brown and forward the paper to you. This fall
Armstrong tried to get me removed writing to Cook & Co &
Chicago so I was informed through friends. Because I took and acted
part in giving you as good a reception here last fall as we could
I would like to pay him the same way.
Respectfully yours Benjamin Turner

W. B.

But for the fact that
I hope the Administration will
turn the Batteries against the
Santo Aguard

Your friend
Under all circumstances

J. D. Sumner

Benj. Turner
London
State Co
Jan. 20 Ill.

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& upper. Glass
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Warsaw. Wyoming Co N.Y Jan 20/59

 Dr Sir

I am desirous to obtain "Ewing's report of the Mexican Boundary" and have ventured to ask you to send it me if you could obtain it. A friend sent me Vol. 1 but it stuck to W Sam's finger on the way here. I should also be glad to acknowledge the receipt of other Pub. Documents from time to time - I address you although a stranger but am not a stranger to ^{the} rugged hills of your native State -

Yours Truly
Wm F Woodward

Hon. S. A Douglass }
U. S. Senator }



Wm. F. Woodward

Warsaw

Wyoming Co

Jan. 19

N. Y.

asking Emory's
report
