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State of Illinois,
GRUNDY COUNTY,
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK.

Morris, February 4th 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir

When I last had the honor of a conversation with you in Chicago, you had the kindness to promise me your best endeavors to obtain for me an Army or Marine vacancy. The time I think was just previous to your departure for Washington to attend the last session of Congress. In anticipation of an increase of the Marine Corps during the present winter, I most earnestly solicit your attention to the promise then made. May I expect it?

Yours Respectfully
 Oliver Bedford

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
 GRUNDY COUNTY, ILL.

State of Illinois

Walter Bedford
Morris,

Feb. 4. Ill.

wishes appointment
in U.S. Army.

Ans^d

March 27

Wm. J. Bishop
Washington

Feb. 4.

Asking interview

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House of Reps
Feb 4th 1859

Judge Douglass

My Dear Sir

Our State Convention in Ct takes
place next Wednesday (the 9th) -
I am hesitating whether to go
or there or not, with a
view of getting such resolutions
adopted as will enable all
Democrats to give the ^{State} ticket a
cordial support. Before deciding
I should like to confer with
you. Please answer by the
bearer, when & where I may
see you privately. The earlier the
better

Yours truly
Wm D Nichols



Benj. H. Brown
Cooperstown
Brown Co.

Feb. 4. Ill.

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Cooperstown Brown County
N.Y., Feb 4, 1837

My
Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I would be very much
obliged to you for the
Report on the National
finances of the last session
of Congress, and the President's
message & accompanying doc-
uments if you have them
for distribution.

Respectfully
Ben A. Swin



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No. 268. Pa. Av. Washington D.C.
Feb: 4th 1859.

Hon S. A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:-

Allow me to
call your attention to the late speech
of Judge Wright of Ga.; & to suggest the
propriety of its circulation in the North West.

Admitting its peculiar & novel
character, still it possesses great merit, &
can but awaken the masses to a proper
understanding of their natural rights.

Its circulation will have a two-fold
interest, the more important of which will
be, to show to the people of the free States,
the interest which some of our extreme
Southern men feel for the laboring masses, &
the efforts they are willing to make to
secure them homes, & consequent equality
in their social relations.

Respectfully, Your obt. Servt.

C. P. Culver

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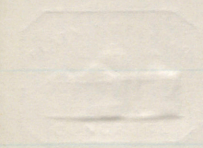
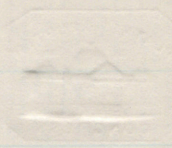
Washington

D.C.

Feb. 4.

Wright, off Gas
speech.

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Mr. J. W. Thompson
100 N. 1st St.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Thompson:
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the land for the proposed extension of the St. Paul & Northern Pacific Railway. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that the matter will be settled soon. I am, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. W. Thompson

Bloomfield Iowa.
Hon S. Douglass. { Feb 4th 1839.
Sir.

In the winter of
56-7. The Democracy of our General
Assembly, also the Democracy
of our Constitutional Convention
As I understand, recommended
me to the President, for United States
Marshall for the State of Iowa,
Hon A. Hall, & Senator Jones both
told me, that I would be appointed,
When President Buchanan, recomme-
nded his LeCompton Constitution. I
wrote to Senator Jones, That if
I had to endorse LeCompton
that I would not accept the
Appointment, I suppose I insult-
ed the dignity of Prudens Jones
As I in plain language told
him of his Anti Democratic
Course, The consequence was

Mr Summers was reappointed, Now
Sir I would like to have that appoint-
ment, 1st Because Brigadier Jones
opposes me, 2nd Because the
voice of the Democracy is in my
favor, 3rd Because the appoint-
ment of a known anti
Secomptonite would aid the
Democracy in Nova, I am a
native Kentuckian, and religio-
usly opposed to abolitionism
No an unworthy member of
the M C Church, Mr Harlan
in the Senate is acquainted
with me, Altho you suppose
there is any chance for me
under such circumstances
Be sure not to notice G W
Jones' assault upon you

Your Friend
H. H. Barclay

You can examine at the Office
of Attorney General as to my
Recommendations,
I think Green of Missouri
A Morn of Miss, would favor
me, J. P. Bright is in honor
bound to use his influence
for me, But I suppose he will
do nothing, and I will not ask
him, Cobb & Foley of the House
are both acquainted with me,
I think I am acquainted with
Mason of Ky as I was born in
his district, But am not sure,
H. H.

H. Sanlary
Bloomfield

Feb. 4. Iowa

In relation to office

Ans'd April 1

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Feb. 4th 1859

Poughatton Point Belmont County Ohio

To the Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir, Hoping
 that these few lines, may not, Prove a
 trespass upon your time, and at the
 time last. the favour of you, if it is
 in your Power, to send me (Vol 1st) of the
 Commercial Statistic and the Presidents
 Messages & Documents, Providing you
 have not distributed all your Portions
 of them, I have Volume 2. 3. 4 and the
 work is not complete. without
 (Volume 1) - and by so doing you
 will much Oblige Yours with high
 Regard
 Samuel H. Green

To S. A. Douglas
 W. City
 D. C.

L. H. Greene
Poughkeepsie Point

Belmont Co

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Richmond Ky Feb 4th 59

Dear Sir

While a resident of Illinois you were kind enough to promise my uncle Robert Holloman your assistance in procuring me a Commission in the Army. Political differences occurring between the President and yourself I did not expect you to urge my claim. Knowing full well that you did not wish to urge it as a favour to yourself as you wished (and correctly too) to be entirely independent of Executive favour.

The object of my writing to you is this I have a Brother J. P. Holloman now living at Fort Kearney Nebraska who is very desirous of getting a Commission in the Army as soon as a vacancy occurs. You will

Confer a great favour by using
your personal influence, with friends who
you think would be of service to
him. Many members of the Ky delegation
are interesting themselves for him
among them, Clay, Saltott, Elliott, Mason
& others. In conclusion allow me to
say (but pardon my indecacy, as I
cannot forbear) to Congratulate you
on the success of Illinois Democracy
and your own, for I learned my
Democracy in the "Illinois School"

Very Respectfully
C. A. Holloman

Am. S. A. Douglass
Washington, D. C.

C. F. Hollman
Richmond

Feb. 7 Ky

Appoint his brother
to army

Answered

Feb. 10

(Strictly Confidential)

Goldston, N. C. Feb. 1st 1859.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

We are desirous of doing all we can, in an honorable way to promote your interest in the ensuing Presidential Election. Heretofore, the published lives of the Candidates have had a salutary influence upon the minds of the people; and we are satisfied that yours will institute a favorable comparison with any of them. For these reasons we respectfully submit to your consideration the following Schedule, by the filling up of which, you will confer a great favor upon us, and doubtless upon many others of your political friends.

We will not presume to confine your details to the programme we have drawn, but leave the whole matter to your discretion and better judgment.

We trust we have made our object plain, and will be grateful for your necessary aid in its accomplishment.

Life of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, &c.
His immediate ancestry, and Collateral, so far as it may have influence on race.

His birth, his boyhood, youth, education and occupation.

His entrance into public life.
The various stations he has occupied.

Especial reference to his action and extracts from his speeches, having reference to a connection with the great political events that have transpired during his days.

Note where he was a Co-Worker with any of the distinguished Citizens of the Republic, of whatever party, they being now dead.

His religious sentiments, if Catholic and Tolerant.

His manner of intercourse and dealings with mechanics and the laboring classes.

Anecdotes illustrative of the above

Hoping to receive an answer at your earliest convenience, we subscribe ourselves

Your Very obt. Servants

Thomas Loring

Joseph Holderby

P.S.

Thomas Loring, whose ^{name} ~~signature~~ appears above, is the same who was for many years, Editor of the Raleigh Standard, and also, late Editor of the Commercial, Wilmington, N.C., and who took a decided stand in favor of the Pierce and Buchanan platforms.

Joseph Holderby is the same individual you have known for years as a citizen of the County of Rockingham N.C. and who has ever been your personal and now your political friend.

Holderby's position, in connection with

the Wilmington & Weldon R. Roads, will enable him to distribute any number of Copies of the Pamphlet to all parts of the Country, where it may be deemed necessary to send them.

It is wished to make it as brief as possible, consistent with a full illustration of the subjects, so that it may be read by every one at a trifling expense.

T. Loring,

J. Holderby

Thos. Loring
Jas. Holdenby
Goldsboro'

Feb. 1. N. Co.

Ask your life

Answered Mar. 27

Keokuk Iowa July 4th 59

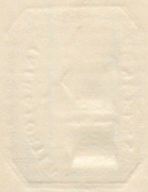
Wm S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I must ask you pardon for the liberty I have taken in addressing you on this occasion, for I suppose you would long since forgotten me. Some years ago I had a letter of introduction to you from the Hon John Moore of Illinois, but never having had the pleasure of meeting you since, I apprehend I have quite faded from your mind. It is almost impossible for us, living as we do in the interior of the State, to obtain any seeds except those that are in common use, and I have therefore taken the liberty of asking you, if you cannot help us in this behalf. If you can, I shall ever remember it, and to reciprocate will always be esteemed a privilege. I will say much thank you to send me some Garden as well as Flower seeds, should the Department send you a supply. I cannot close this letter without saying to you that the Democracy of this State, are with you in all of your efforts, and that, while we have been in the minority

for some years, we sincerely believe that
we could carry the State for you in 1860
for President. Of course we are not
Brookman Democrats, or Douglas Democrats,
but at the same time we fully, & unequivocally
endorse the principles of "Popular Sovereignty"
& of your course ^{for} the "Lecompton Constitution".
Explaining the virtues & redemptible merits
of H. Jones Ex U.S. Senator. He can do no
harm, for he has neither ability, or influence.
I know your multifarious duties, & the
many demands made on you by your
Constituents, but should you find a
spare moment I should very highly
prize a word from you. In any event,
despite the "Washington Post" trial there is
Democratic Party, we are for Shephard, &
Douglas for President in 1860.

Very Respectfully

Wm. A. Smith
J. A. Macon



J. H. Maun
Oskaloia
Iowa
asking garden
seed.

Gov. P. Meserve
Jackson
Feb. 4. N. H.
Speeches

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Jackson N.H. Feb 4/59,

Hon S F Douglass

Dear Sir,

For a year past
I have had my eye upon you.
The New Hampshire Democratic
with I think do you honor in
a future day.

I have not had any of your
speeches. delivered previous to the
Allen election. although I have seen
an extract.

My respects of yours. would
be gladly used. and read with
care & understanding

Yours respectfully

George P. Meserve



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Valley Star Office
Newville, Pa. Feb. 4, 1857
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir—

If convenient, will
you please send me a copy
of each volume of the
Pacific Railroad Report
as may be at your dispo-
sal. By so doing you will
much oblige.

Anything you may send
will be duly acknowledged in
The Star.

Accept my thanks for a copy
of "The States" rec'd this day.

Yours in Democracy

J. M. Miller
Ed. Valley Star.

J. M. Miller
Neville.
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Feb. 28.
asking dr's.

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Sharps' Rifle Manufacturing Co.

Hartford, Ct., Feb'y 4th 1859.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

My Dear Sir,

You will see by the Post of this morning that we have made a good beginning in Hartford for the approaching Campaign, notwithstanding all was disorder and confusion on my return here yesterday morning -

All that was lacking was a leading horse and so soon as our friends saw that "old iron grey" was on the turf ready to hitch on. They off coats and went to the work like heroes.

I trust there will be no difficulty in laying the real "live oak" platform at the State Convention.

Your Obedt Servt

J. C. Palmer.

J. C. Palmer
Hartford

Feb. 9 Cn.

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Answered

Feb. 10

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Shops, Little Illustrations Co.



Byron February 4th 1839

Stephen A Douglas Esq
Dear Sir

I am Bold in addressing You with a few
lines I am a Citizen of the State of Illinois
Ogle County and Farmer and also a
Democrat from Pennsylvania originally if
You wish to ^{know} about my Pedigree I will refer
You to Simon Cameron Esq, Senator from Pennsy-
lania he is acquainted with my Father, I will
ask a small favour I would like to have
the Patent office Reports for 1837 and willing to
pay for it in case I can get it if You will please
inform me how to get it and if Ever Remain
Yours John Shannon
My address is John Shannon
Byron Ogle County Illinois

John Shannon

Byron

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A. Stewart
Uniontown
Pa

Feb. 4

The tariff

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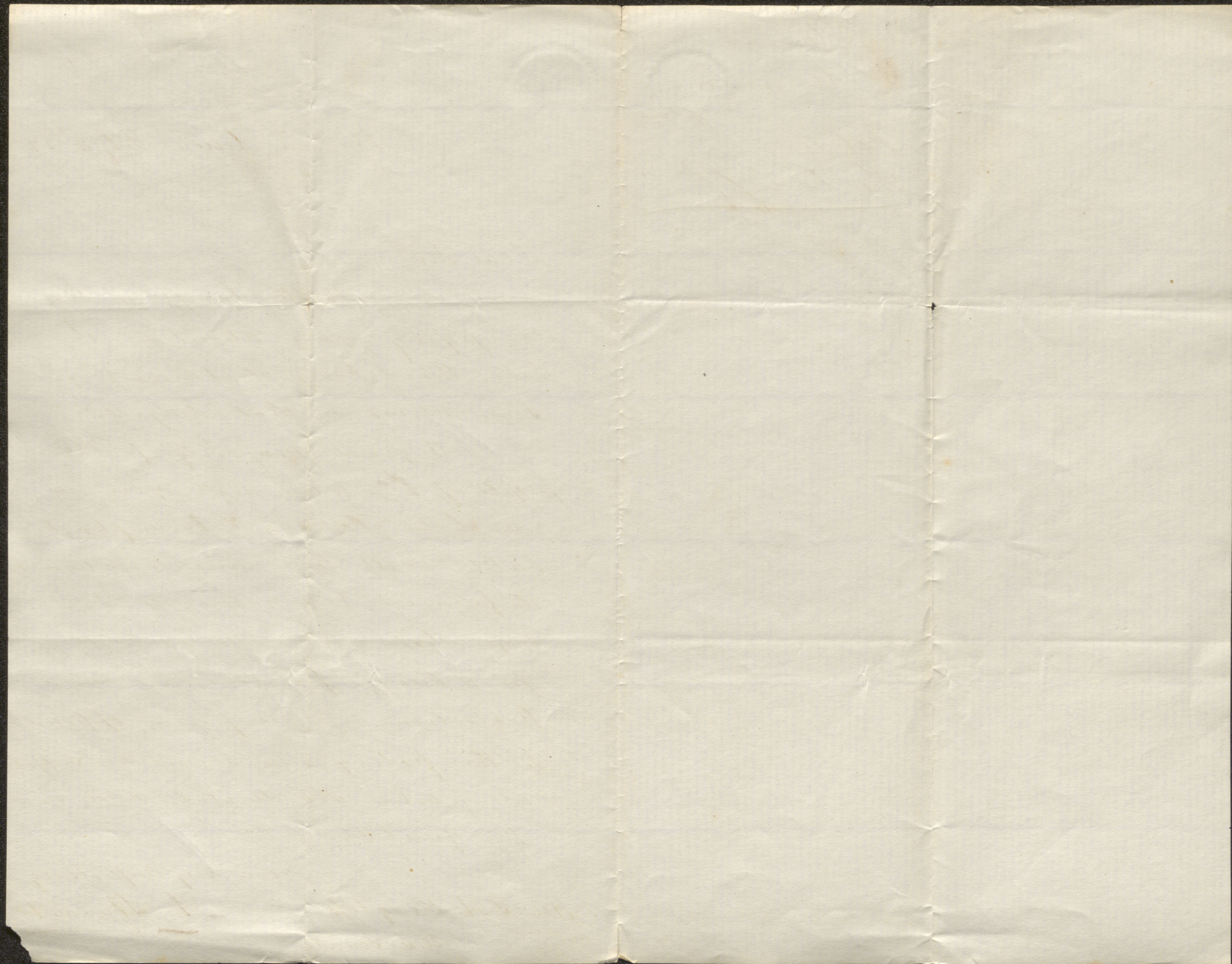
Uniontown Feb 4th 59

Dear Sir

As the tariff is now
occupying your attention I
take the liberty of sending you
some views on that subject.

A great majority of the
people of Pa went with you in
your late glorious & triumphant
battle with the administration &
its followers, & we cherish the
hope that you will go with us
for a tariff for revenue and
protection. No person opposed
to this policy can revive her suppas
all parties are united now on
this question in Pa

Yours very respectfully
Hon S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
A. Stewart



David L. Saulman
N. Y.

Feb. 4.

named his child
L. A. D. Saulman
& wishes a letter
of advice.

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New-York Feb 4th

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Sir.

I have this
week performed a pleas-
ant duty in naming a son
a bright little boy, nearly
4 weeks old.

And having great regard
for yourself, I have taken
the liberty to give him the
name which you bear,
hoping that he may grow
up to be an honest and
upright man.

And although aware that
much of your time and
attention is taken up by
people who have no claim
upon you; I would make
a simple request, and

if it seems rude, I trust
you will pardon me for
it, I would ask you
if convenient to write a
short letter full of friendly
advice and counsel to your
namesake Stephen A
Douglas Faulman, and
enclose the same sealed
with a note to myself.

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Yours Obedt Servt
David A Faulman
New York

Hon S A Douglas