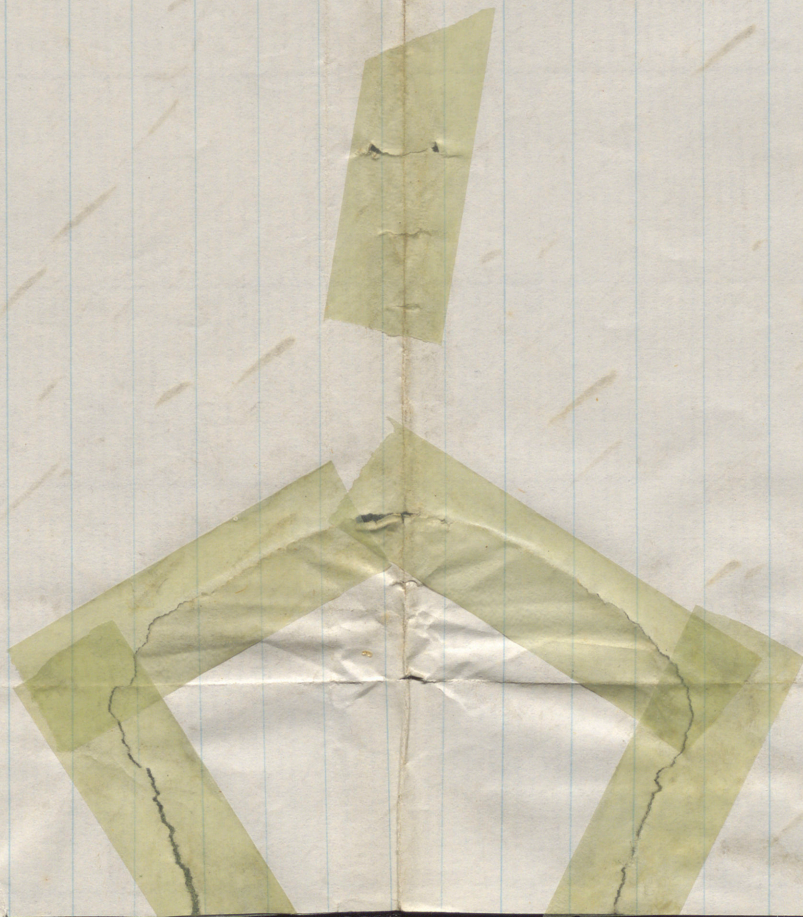


Adams Co MS Dec 12th / 58
 Hon Stephen A Douglas Esq Sir

Knowing
 your love of justice I take the liberty
 of addressing you on a subject that
 interests me considerably. By a joint
 resolution of Congress passed March 3^d 1857
 directing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle
 and adjust with Messrs De Groot, Thellogg,
 Mechlin and Alexander on principles of justice
 and equity all damages losses and liabilities
 incurred or sustained by said parties respec-
 tively on account of their contract for man-
 ufacturing brick for the Washington Aqueduct
 and he is hereby directed to pay the amount
 found due by such settlement and adjustment
 out of the appropriation made for paying the
 liabilities for the said Aqueduct whereas my
 Brother has been compelled through the neglect
 of the Secretary to obey the instructions of
 Congress to leave his legitimate business mat-
 tended to and be at the expense of sustain-
 ing himself at the City of Washington for
 almost one year in the hope of obtaining a
 settlement. He has now determined to make an
 application to Congress to appoint a committee to
 settle with him. Would you exert your influence
 in his behalf by so doing you will greatly
 Oblige your friend
 John De Groot

Mr Groat
Adams Co Ill
Wants your aid
in the Senate



Washington Aug 12. 59

Dear SA Day, & Co

The account of my being
 here for a letter from you,
 for, have otherwise suffered. I
 will therefore thank you to
 return me my letter & thus
 not.

Respectfully
 H. J. Hunt

H. C. Jewett
Washington

Feb. 12 -

Ans. Feb
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Washington Aug 15 17

My dear Mr. Adams

The enclosed is for you

and I hope it will find you

in the best of health

and I am sure you will

be very glad to hear from me

and I am sure you will

be very glad to hear from me

Owensboro, Ky, Feb, 12th 1869

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:-

There is a newspaper published in this place, the editorial columns of which, I once had control but of late has entirely forsaken the true path of Democracy and turned up a supporter of the present administration. Owensboro is situated ~~on~~ the Ohio river in Southern Kentucky and is a point of some considerable importance, and this paper, which is the National Democrat, has its influence with the people, and if it carried your name at its mast-head for the Presidency in 1860 would do you and the Democratic party a vast amount of good in Southern

Kentucky. You have many good friends in this place, and with the aid of that paper could make many more, they in connection with myself propose buying that press which will take some one thousand dollars which we fail to raise unless you aid us with some five hundred ^{dollars} yourself. If you could aid us with that amount the press should be secured to you until your money be refunded and the paper your firm supporter.

You may receive many letters of this character yet this note I hope you will condescend to answer whether you comply or not as it is the desire of many. This is in D. L. Peyton's Representative district and probably he can give you some facts as to the paper, &c., Satisfactory References given. Yours Obediently
(Confidential) J. H. Leslie

J. H. Leshe
Owensboro

Feb. 12 Ky

asking you to try
a paper



Jefferson Green Co Penna
Feb 12th 1859

Dear Sir

I this day enclosed you a paper
"Wagonsbee Mifflinger" with a short communication
marked, read it and let me have your opinion
on the doctrine

I may with tell you who I am
Very truly

Your friend

W McLean

By
Hon S. A. Douglass
U S Senator
Washington
City

M. McCaslin
Jefferson
Green Cr.

Feb. 12 ^{pm}

Political

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Monticello Iowa Co. Iowa,
Feb. 12th 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas Esq.

Please send
me per. mail speeches and public doc-
uments when convenient and oblige
A. Democrat

M. M. Moulton

M. M. Moulton

Monticello

Greene Co

Feb. 12 Iowa

asking speeches

A. R. Parker
Washington
D.C.
Feb. 12.
About
Mr Woodbridge
of N. B.



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Washington City
Feb 12/59
Hon S. A. Douglas
U.S.S.

Dear Sir,
The bearer is my friend,
G. B. Woodbridge Esq of N. B. - Correspondent
of the N. B. Leader & Sunday Times. He has
an extensive acquaintance & influence with prominent
politicians & Editors and has, from time to time,
shown me private letters asking his advice as to
the policy they should pursue with reference to
the next Presidency &c.

The interview suggested cannot but
be mutually agreeable.

Very truly yours &c.

A. R. Parker



Bangor. July 12 1859.

Lucretia Boafish //

We see by last night papers that
 Wiggins is not confirmed and the matter stands
 over. Now as you are acquainted with Douglass &
 we are not - we want you to write him ^{immediately} to
 appose W. unless commuted. - Wiggins we understand
 at Washington appears to be with Douglass, but
 he is cheating him. His paper here has been the
 bitterest assailant. Douglass has in this State and
 Wiggins is bound to see him out hereafter if in
 power - You and we know Ben's moral &
 political character. He is a disgrace to
 the party and the State and the sooner he
 is thrown over the water
 Yours. //

C. P. Sewall

E. W. Fogg

J. M. Gurney

A. Hayford



G. P. Sewall
Lotters

Bangor
Maine
Feb'y 12. 1859.

Ben Wiggin a
disgrace to the
party & State Soc

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Feb'y 12. 1859.

Dear Sir,

We shall have the honor
to call upon you to night with
a Band of Music to thank you
in the name of the Nation ~~on~~
~~the~~ for your services in the
Cause of Oregon

Very Respectfully
Yours truly
E. Gulce

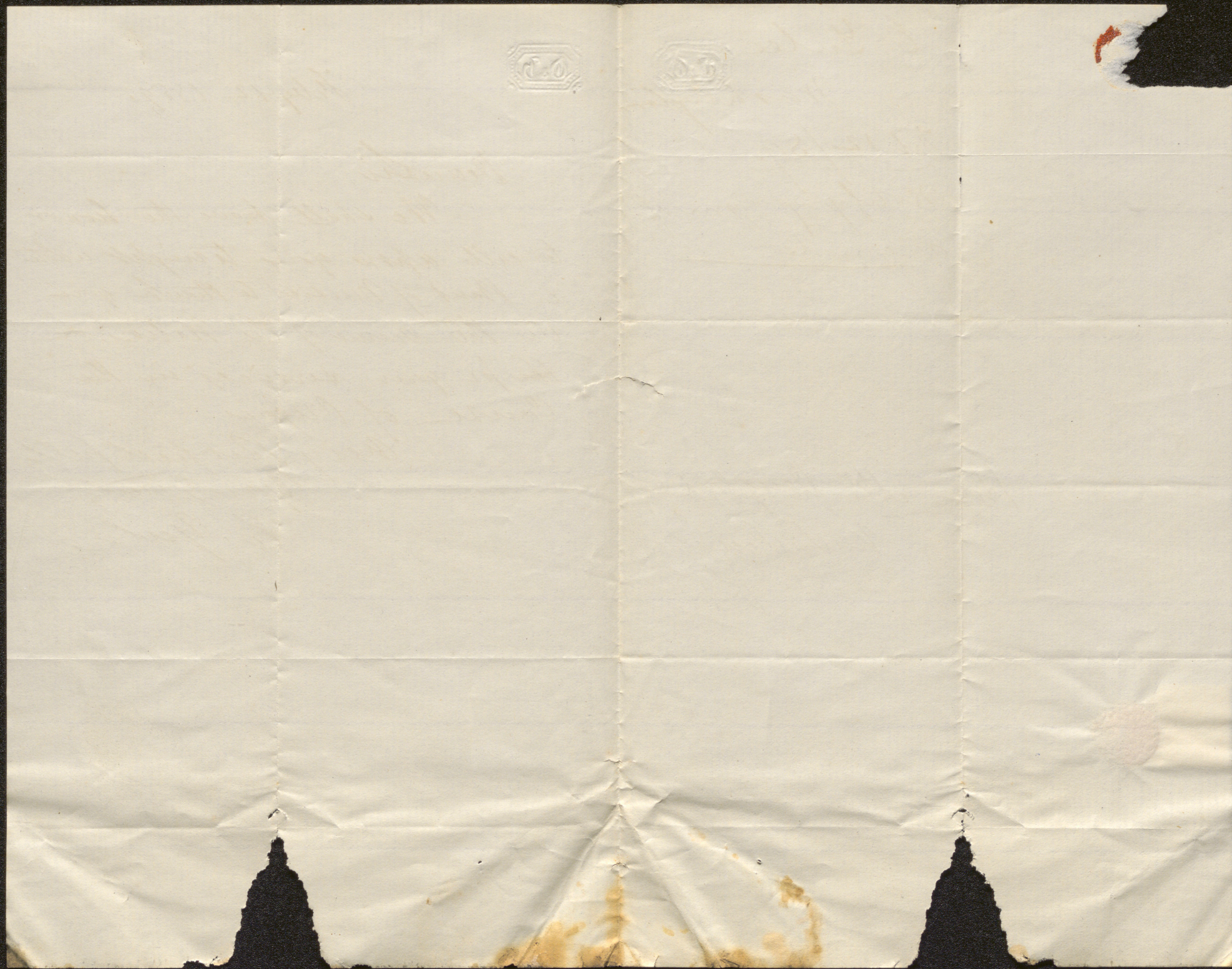
E. Yulee.

Washington

Feb. 12/59.

Notifying you of
serenade.

Home Mr. Douglass
U. S. Senator
D.C.





San Felipe Texas
 Hon Stephen A. Douglas } Feb'y 13th 1859

Respected Sir, It is so common an occurrence for a man occupying the high Position you do and having become, through Reputation and Distinction, so well Known, North, South, East, and West of the great Country whose Destinies, you contribute much in shaping, I say it is, I presume so common an occurrence for you to receive Letters, and from Strangers too; 'that no apology is necessary upon my part; at all events I shall forbear now to plead any, farther' than that I have now you now for many years! I have known you Publicly, 'I know you as the Little Lion of the North West; I know you as the, 'Sire of the Kansas-Nebraska Act,' as the undoer of the, 'Illfated, but justly condemned Missouri Compromise,' I have known you then like one of those bright and dazzling Ethereal Bodies whose Lustre obscures all surrounding objects; I know you back upon that Party whose Prime Honored Principals you had so often and so gallantly fought for, and with such powerful force and Effect too; 'that the Abolitionist and Republicans could alone fully appreciate, so as you then, as it appeared to me, forgetting that

that Party; those Principles; And in a measure
that Constitution which is the only true
safeguard and Bulwark of our Liberties! This was
a ~~deep~~ matter of deep regret to thousands
and tens of thousands of your Friends and
Wellwishers in the South! And I have again
known you as the Champion of a hard and
gallant Fought Battle in your own State;
And I now know you as the Ajax of the
Democratic Party; strictly identified with that
Party, and doing your usual Champion like warfare
for its Principles! - I am proud of this though I
never saw you, perhaps never shall, though I
feel a deep interest in you, as does your Party,
and your Country; It is to you and a few
kindred spirits; that the People, I mean the
Law abiding, and the Union loving Portion
of them, look for the continuation and
Perpetuity of those Institutions, under which
they have grown in so short a time, to be one
of the most formidable Powers upon the Earth
I am simply a Farmer engaged in the Production
of Cotton and Corn, but one that feels a
real and unaffected interest in the Glory of
our common Country, and it is for such
men as yourself, to look to, and preserve;
Inviolable the Institutions of this common
Inheritance

I will now cease to weary you further with this
Verbiage of mine, and you will perhaps read
it, or you may not, and if you should, you
will doubtless soon forget the Author; but will
ask you, and desire that you would once and
awhile forward me some Public Documents
your Speeches, when ever you make one - if it
happens perfectly convenient, as they will prove
both a source of interest and pleasure to me
I have nothing further to add, but by that
you will believe me to Remain with the
kindest sentiments of Regard your very
Wellwisher and Ob^d Serv^t

W. A. Parker

P.S. If you should find the leisure time
and opportunity of sending me any reading
matter - please direct it to 'San Felipe - Texas

W. A. Parker
San Felipe
Texas.

Feb. 13.

ack's speeches.
Political

Little Compton February 13 1852...

S, A, Douglass Esq. Sir I perceive Mr. Pick is a going to be said
and I not see but one judicial line that is Demarcation of 37 North that
will leave Mrs. Maize 300 miles in length when West Side of the moun-
tains are set of for a territory North and South be sufficient to all pract-
able purposes then when 37 extend some day & other to the Pacific
then divide Kansas by the meridian of 101 West that will leave Leve-
mie where should be and Nebraska in shape and form by hand
some said but Territory, Kansas, Nebraska, Leve-mie and Colorado some oth-
er name I see no better shape could be laid out in without any reference
to party prejudice or sectional motives, benevolent National altogether Qu-
estion even if could be brought about with the Mexican Government to arrange
so as to straighten Arizona South line that parallelism in Chihuahua
and angle in Sonora why not expedient to form a Company large enough
to assume the British Mexican Bonds be the policy to move obstacles a-
way so far as could be effected why would Mr. Vergeth send in
his resignation to undertake that passed on what they call free trade & say
the Senate but that Distances prevail come to take their measure say 42
for miners prime 43 ordinary 42 on a Dollar or more for sent on a Dollar they
will grow like dogs with the care of our Southern Gentlemen do persist in it
tax them well for their slaves they might realize their folly appears they
must so considered it one would think they would pursue a different policy
from what they do to replenish the Treasury to purchase Cuba and Brothers
portion of Mexico with the sum 150,000,000 the latter 16,000,000 and require
a full Treasury to affect it while I remain your

S, A, Douglass Esq.

City Washington

Obedient and humble

servant .. Abraham Pinn

Abraham Pierce
Fall River.

Feb. 13 Mass.

Feb 13 1857

Summerhill. Pike Co Ill
 Hon S A Douglas

Sir I beg leave to call
 ur attention a few moments I want
 you to send two Agriculture Reports
 one to H Rathbun & one to D Collins I wrote to
 you in Dec last for some Reports but I
 have not rec any yet if you have any
 public documents for our Office pleas
 direct they to me as we have a Black
 Republican for Post Master & I will take
 the trouble to hand them out to our friends
 We gave the Republicans fits in old Pike last
 fall & now rec my congratulations on your
 election & my ardent wishes that you may
 yet be called to fill the White House
 My friends & neighbors want me to take the
 Post Office at this place but I decline as
 I did not want an office under old Rank
 But if you think it will promote your
 interest then I will take the trouble
 to send to the Matter - pleas drop me a
 line & let me hear from you perhaps a
 letter would come through if documents
 do not My best respects to you & family
 Yours &c H Rathbun

H. Rathburn

D. Collins

Summerhill

Pike Co.

Nov 13

Ill

Documents

Ottosee, Fulton County, Ohio
Feb 13th 1859.

Judge Douglas,
Washington City.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned,
will be much obliged to you
if you will please forward
him any "Public Documents
that you, can spare or may
think proper for him to receive.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas M. Ward.

Would be obliged to you, if
you will hand the enclosed
"Story" to S. S. Cox, When you
shall have read it yourself,
Ward,

Thos. M. Ward
Ottawa

And
Oct. 13,

Wm. D. D.