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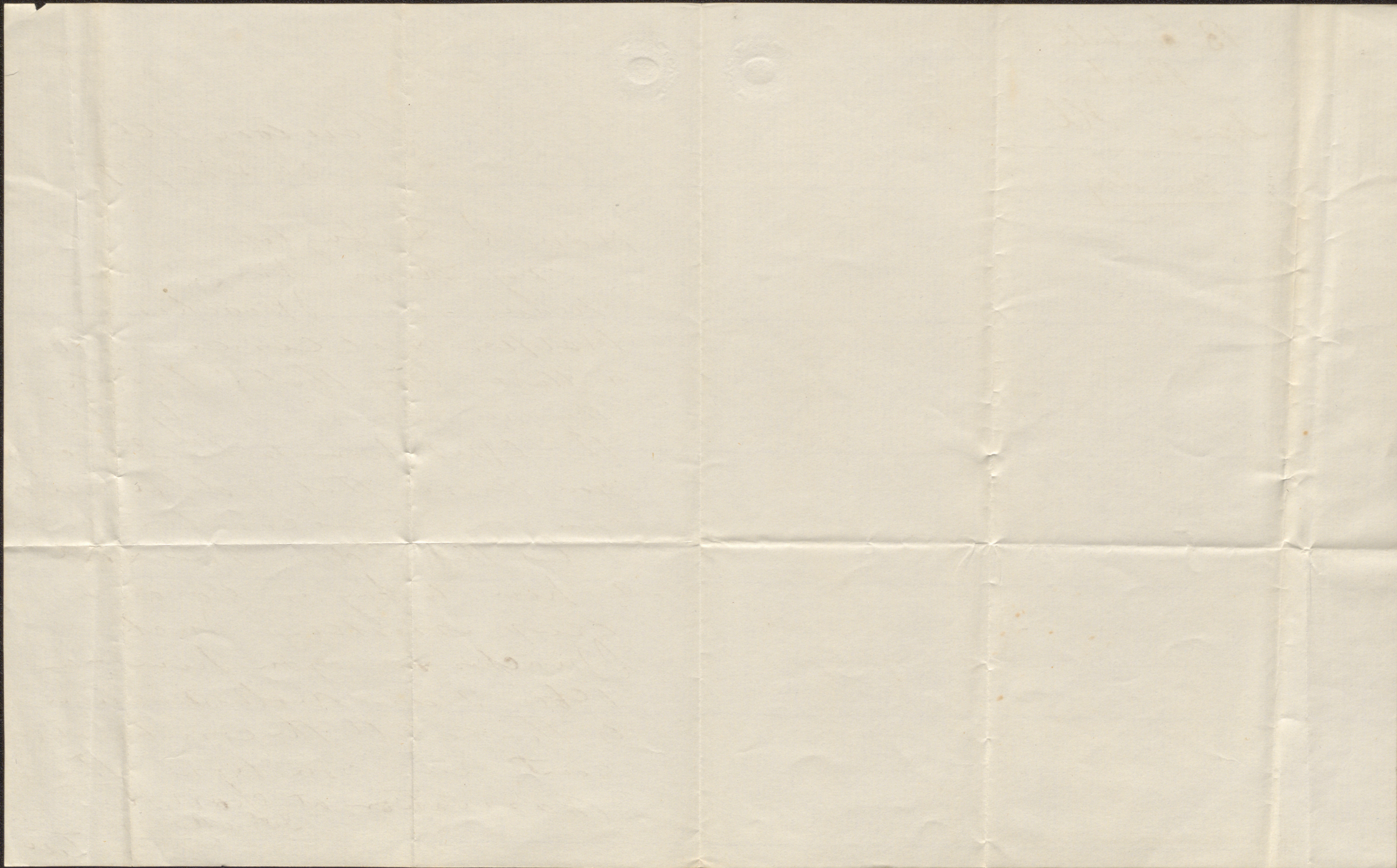
Hon A A Douglass

My dear Sir, I have
 read your Speeches in
 Harper & at Cincinnati
 & must say that I think
 they are ~~unparalleled~~ by all
 the opposition to the Democracy
 you know that I differed with
 you on the Leconte question
~~but~~ but that is dead now & all
 I have to say is go on &
 keep making such
 Speeches as you have & in
 1860. I can neither incline
 to those all the combined
 can't keep you from the
 nomination at Charleston
 Yours truly
 W Bantles

B. Cambell
Benton

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Kindly



Ceford Ohio

Sep 31st 1859

Wm S. A Douglass

Dear Sir,

I write to you for the purpose
of procuring a copy of your
exposition of the doctrines
of Popular Sovereignty lately
published in Harpers Magazine.
Whereabouts with but few
exceptions (and those mostly old line
whigs) we are all Douglass
Democrats. Douglass with
the Charleston convention or
Douglass without it.

Hoping you will forward me
what I ask for I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours

W. S. Carter

Geo. S. Harter

Oxford

Sept. 30.

Ohio

Wants Harper an-
- tique.



My dear Sir
Chicago
Sept 30. 1859.
Dear Sir
Oct 4th 1859

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Chicago Sept 30.

My dear Sir
Please
address me a note at Detroit
informing me what day &
what time of the day you
arrived at your home in Wash-
ington - It may be of importance
to me in this case of Pools

I hardly need say to you
that your departure takes
me by surprise -

Yours truly

J. F. Jay

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington

New York Sept. 30th 1859.
The Hon S. A. Douglas.

My dear Sir:

A thought has been growing on me so much for a few weeks past that I will venture to urge it on your attention. We, here, have taken the ground that "Douglas has settled the negro question", and that henceforth other and broader interests are to engage national attention. In view of this I cannot get over the conviction that you have said enough about the negro, in the Territories or elsewhere; that your record on the whole subject is fully made up. Will not further repetition of your po-

sitions by you, seem to Southern men as a needless irritation of a point on which they feel sore - all the more because they know that you are in the right? I have met personally, and also had letters from a great many Southern men - not evil-minded, men that I respect, and whom we ought to conciliate for their local influence. I find them yielding the correctness of your positions, but damning your "dogmatism". They do you the injustice of thinking that you enjoy the triumph that is at the expense of the South.

It is because I have found so much of these feelings that the time seems to me now to have arrived to let the de-

throned darky rest where you have put him, and to foster the conciliatory second thought of the South. If the suggestion is not in harmony with your own purposes, it will do no harm for me to have made it, and the motive will excuse my writing what I seriously think.

I suppose you entertain no doubts of how the New York Delegation will go. For three days, in Syracuse, I canvassed delegates and leading men from nearly every County. I found them - Postmasters and all - entertaining but one opinion. The County districts are more settled in your favor than the New York City - and the majority of the latter are secure. But of this I am sure you have heard, probably, as much as you desire. In

J. A. McMaster
New York

ing the Convention ^{Unsuspected} I suspected
an intrigue in Seymour's behalf -
based only on a calculation of the ^{S. A. B.}
chapter of accident - but even
this, I am satisfied, is evaporated.

I need not assure you that
any hint as to how I can further
the cause, will meet my most
willing and earnest attention.

Devotedly and truly yrs.

J. A. McMaster.

I spent week before last in
Western Pennsylvania. Your Pitts-
burgh speech has done incalculable
good, and settled misgivings,
in all that part of Pennsylvania.

J. A. McMaster

Over one hundred sound names have been forwarded to the committee at Indianapolis from this county, inviting Senator Douglas to address the Democracy of this State some time convenient to himself. We speak by the record when we say that we have never witnessed more unanimity than exists in this county in favor of Mr. Douglas.

There is beauty in the position of Senator Douglas. He has always been a consistent Democrat, and is a National man. A speech made by him South of the Ohio is read cheerfully by National men North of it; and his speeches North, are equally cherished by National men in the South. More than this,—Wherever he goes, the people follow him. He has been and is their advocate. His voice is in favor of the Union—in support of ancient and true Democratic principles, mingles in harmony with their own. The highest honors and trusts are but illusions if they be not in consistency with the true creed of a disinterested Democracy. We do not suppose Stephen A. Douglas would exchange his present elevated position before a free people for, the world.

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'No,' sez he, wildy ketching hold of hisself, 'you don't say so?'

'Indeed do I,' she sed. 'Your ded grandfather's sperrit camest to me the other nite, and sez he, 'Moses is a Disguised Juke!'

'You mean Duke,' said Moses.

'Dost not the actors call it Juke!' she sed sternly.

That settled the matter.

'I hav thought of this thing a4,' sed Moses abstractly. 'If it is so, then thus it must be! 2B or not 2B—that airs the question! But no more of this now. Dry up. O life—life, you're too many for me!' He tore out some of his pretty yeller hair, stamped on the floor wildy, and was gone.

Levi Reynolds
Monticello, Ind.^a,
Sept 30. 1859.

Political

Ans Oct 5/59.

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Monticello Ind. Sept 30 1859

My Dear Sir

I enclose you an editorial by
me. I remained in Ohio till after the
State fair and when I came back I found
friends inactive. I soon procured 107 names
and forwarded them to committee at
Indianapolis. This Society is as nearly un-
animous as it well can be for you and
your cause.

Now, for myself. I have shaken
you often by the hand. I am generally
known as Major Levi Reynolds. Since
the days of Genl Jackson I am an active
politician in Pennsylvania. it may be
said, prominent among the old friends
of Genl Leap. I knew him in the War
of 1812. I served a term in the Northern
Army myself. I am not young, but
active, and the worst that can be said

of me. I am an old Bachelor. I have
five Brothers and three sisters hereabout,
and a Brother in Ohio, and have
been there most of my time the
last three years. I am a citizen of
White County, Indiana. In Penn-
sylvania I held at different times
several prominent offices under the
U S and State Governments - among
them the Office of Canal Commissioner,
at that time a responsible Office. I never
was a Buchanan Democrat. I believed
not in the soundness of his principles.
I was raised a Democrat - always
have been a Democrat and so intend
to remain - so far as principle and con-
science is concerned. Will this do for an
introduction? At any rate, I approve
of your course, and as my old friend
is out of the way I prefer you to any
other man for President. I have been
a little active. This is for you. I hope

Reamy will be elected. App-
earances in this state, for you,
are favorable.

Will you excuse this - a too
lengthy letter. You cannot remember
every one. Allow me to subscribe
myself. Respectfully

Your friend

Levi Reynolds

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

P.S. I read your essay with much interest,
and also your speeches in Ohio. I took the
Inquirer. I take the Cincinnati Inquirer
daily - the Prep. daily - one Brother takes
the Chicago Times daily - another the Western
-apolis Sentinel, daily. So you see that
we are pretty well posted. The Sentinel
is showing its columns nicely. But
enough.

Long Prairie, Mayne County Minn.

Sep 30th 1859

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Sir,

I write to you not doubting but that you will take into consideration the following case of a poor old man and if any thing can be done for him that you will put me in the right track to make applications

Henry Williamson 72 years of age served in the War of 1812 in the 7th Regiment of foot at Norfolk Virginia stationed in Armisteads Rope Walk under command of General Taylor Colonel Sharp Major Watts Lieutenants James Olds Capt. Nehemiah Foreman. these were his field officers has received his land warrants but was wounded making the breast worth back of Portsmouth near the navy yard by the slipping of an axe on the inside of the ankle of the right foot which has been a source of pain to him ever since he was incapacitated from service with it 3 weeks. never applied for pension being at the time too opunt he has resided in this state 30 years and raised 24 Children he can find one living witness that served in same regiment that knows the circumstances he is respected in this neighborhood and the few years of his earthly pilgrimage ought to be solaced by some of Uncle Sams Salve
I am Sir

Yours Most Respectfully

Thomas Walker M.D.

Thos Walker M.D
Long Prairie
Wayne Co.
Sp. 30. Ill.

Pension for Henry
Williamson

