Chas. A. Calkins
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Plymouth Jan 6th 1860.

Hon S. A. Douglass.
Washington City.

Dear Sir.

After presenting my best respects to you I will say that you will confer a great favor on me, if you will have the kindness to put my name on your list for Public Documents, and other Congressional favors during the Present Session of Congress.

Yours Truly.
Chas. A. Calkins

Address.
Plymouth. Ills.

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Shieldsboro,
Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Jan. 6th 1860

My dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your very able reply to Mr. Black, and your letter to Dr. Gwin.

Mr Black I do not know, but I am surprised that Dr. Gwin should court a controversy with you, for I may say to you, privately, that he is one of the most vulnerable men in the U.S. as the records of the Indian Bureau, and the judicial records of this State will show.

With sincere wishes for your speedy restoration to health, & the blessings of Providence upon you and yours,

I remain, as always,
Your Friend & Servt
J. F. H. Claiborne

Hon S. A. Douglas

J. F. Claiborne
Shieldsboro
Jany 6. Missi

Friendly — Dr Irwin

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New York, Janry. 6. 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas:
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As health is the most important thing, in this world. & noticing in the Newspapers, statements of your continued illness; & knowing that the practice of medicine, as it is called; is founded on a false basis, & knowing also, that relief, generally, can be had by medical Clairvoyance & therefore; regreting that the country should lose your services, at this important time, I have thought it best, you being a public man, to take the liberty, to say to you, that in all probability, your health can be easily restored, if you comply with the necessary conditions. I am not engaged in the practice of medicine, at the present time, but have been, for about ten years of my life, & have had some extraordinary experience, which goes to confirm what I have stated. If you think proper to notice this letter, which I have frankly written, & keep the matter private, for the present, except to a few of your intimate friends, for obvious reasons. I will try, to be of some use to you.

I am, very Respectfully, Yr. Obt. Svt.

B. Franklin Clark

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B. Franklin Clarke
New York – N.Y.
Jan'y 6. 1860.

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Clairvoyance" for
restoration of Just's
Ill Health – I can,
in secrecy, be
consulted, at the
Tribune Building
N York. —

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[Douglas Papers]
[Forsyth]

[Jan. 6, 1860]

9604-1

Mobile Jany 6th/59

My Dear Sir—

We have just concluded a fight in this City & attend to you &—. It was over the appointment of delegates to our State Convention— A meeting of the Dems was called for last Friday to appoint these delegates— When we arrived we found the room taken possession of by our last Democratic opponents, most of them anti-Douglas Democrats, & they had a meeting in full blast organized & to suit themselves— Judge Dargan & Others were making Secession speeches against Squatter Sovereignty & Douglas, & for two hours the Democrats in the outskirts of the meeting were looking on

with arrangement of the expedient of the spectacle — At last our turn came — My old opponent Price Williams alluded to me & intimated that I was not fit to represent the Noble Duncy on account of heresies &c — I got the floor & in a pretty hot speech I drew a picture of the expedience of the scene & pitched into "Price" with gloves off, for his audacity as a tool for the Party in the times of the Dark Lantern & again cast reminiscences in preparing to question my Duncy — The result was a complete rally of the Democratic Spirit — Price tried to reply, & was not allowed to open his mouth — he had previously spoken long & loud — The meeting had three resolutions cut & dried, & then I awaked as destitute of political truth, & a wilful perversion of the Fred. Test decision — I believe we could have beaten them every one but with all their strength drummed up for a response — but it was getting late & & Col Nelson moved an adjournment — Every body behind the ayes had it — but the Chairman decided differently — Nelson then proposed that the Duncy withdraw from the meeting & assemble in Tuesday evening at the Academy Theatre — It

done, & the Opposition were left
alone, whereupon they passed
their resolutions & appointed
Delegates to Montgomery
including Mighty & our
County Delegation in the
Legislature. Tuesday came
& with it the Democ
in their might — It was
the finest meeting in
point of character &
number I have ever seen
here — We had rounded
the "assembly" & the Party
crowned it — The Opposition
did not molest us that
time — But coming our
own people — not people, but
leaders were shaky. Much
was preaching both sides
& P. Walker was diplomatic

in the same direction — both
want to go to Congress — They
were opposed to any resolution —
I contended that the resolutions
of the Cent. were such as
any Dem. might cordially
endorse, unless he wished to
leave a gap down to split
the party (but see the
proceedings which I enclose)
The effort was that the
meeting must make no
commitment in favor of
"abiding by the action of
the Convention" — this meant
Douglas or no Douglas — The
result is deemed by all
a triumph, & that the
Dodgers were whipped
into the traces —
I send all about it that

is in print — The big fight comes off in the Convention at Montgomery on Wednesday — I go up tomorrow — I shall have to encounter Yancey there & he is a giant in debate — I shall stand up & go for the Cincinnati platform & if they refuse to the Dred Scott decision — If the Democracy is fairly represented in the Convention it will go right — but I know not yet, how many county delegates have been packed by the Disunionists.

I send you a copy of my Speech in Tuscaloosa" delivered on the Legislature — It will go into pamphlet form, when I will order several copies forwarded to you —

I write in great haste, very pressed up to my eyes in all sorts of business —

Very truly
Your friend

J Forsyth

Hon S A. Douglas
Washington

If you are nominated at Charleston I believe Alab. will give you 20,000 majority — The reaction is prodigious.

J. Forsyth
Mobile
Ala
Jany 6.

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Robert Hill
Carrollton Ohio
Jan'y 6. 1860

Ans'd Doc's

Carrollton Ohio Jan. 6. 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C. Dear Sir It was with considerable pleasure that we Supported a delegate in favour of Squatter Sovereignty in our district for to attend Charlestown Convention & also happy to Inform You that our Delegate is instructed to support you for the next Presidency. We would take pleasure in circulating any documents You may be pleased to send to us that will further the Democratic Cause

more anon

Robt. Hill

9606

Plum River P. O. Jan 6th 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Sir

We greatly stand in need, of some documents, relating to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and any documents, you can send, will be thankfully received, Above all others on this subject we would like to receive from your hand. and ever remember

yours truly

A. D. Jenkins

J. D. Davis &
Illinois

Hon S. A Douglas
washington city

A. R. Jenkins
Plum River
Jo Daviess
Jany 14 1861
Speeches

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F. G. McDonald
Athens. Pa.
Jany 6. 1860.

Atha Autograph.

Athens. Pa.
Jan 6th 1860

Dear Sir

Having collected a large number of autographs of distinguished individuals and persons of note. I should feel honored by receiving your signature to add to my collection, as a most valuable accession.

With much respect.

I am very truly

F. G. McDonald.

To
Wm. F. A. Douglas.

9611

Byron Ogle Co Illinois
Jan'y 6th 1860

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir

In your distribution of Public Documents, Speeches &c, if it be your pleasure to forward any to my address I will certainly take pains to distribute the same among the friends of the Democratic Party.

I write at the suggestion of some of the Party, and also on account of Democratic documents heretofore having been either distroyed or never distributed.

The Democrats of Ogle are unanimously for S. A Douglas first & last, yet are for the nominee of the Charleston Convention, and are strongly in favor of a Union of the Party.

Pardon my presumption in writing

Respectfully

J. A. Wheelock

J. A. Wheelock

Byron,

Ogle Co. Ill.

June 26.

asking documents

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Upper Alton Madison County

Honored Sir Jan 6 1860

Please send me the Patent Office reports for 1860 Agricultural and Mechanical and oblige your humble servant

Wm Stubler

Box 56 Upper Alton

Wm. Sleatler
Upper Alton
Ill.
Jan. 6.

Patent Office
reports.

it from their captains

We shall make some
move to induce a good
force to go down to Charles-
ton

The delegation appointed
is a fair one - as good as
could be expected, where every
body wanted to serve

You will perceive that we
made but little change in the
resolutions suggested. A word
or two was changed, and a
long sentence, which bothered
some of the committee, was sim-
plified. The conclusion of the
first resolution I mean

Be assured that things
look well at home, at
least. I hope they may
continue to grow brighter, as
you state they are now

during. It cannot be otherwise than that the President has over-exerted himself in the message.

Certainly it deserves him with all honest men. our devoted

Respectfully
Yours &c
Chas. L. Scudder

Chas. L. Scudder
Collector, &c.
Jersey City, 1860

Office
Lock opposite Hamilton
Pass

9609

Springfield, Jan 6

Dear Sir.

Yours with suggestions about consulting delegates came this morning. The matter was talked about by members of the convention, but every thing was in hurry and confusion, and that with other matters of importance was left undone.

The truth is, we were not a little nervous about the harmony of things. We feared that a pledge to support Charleston might be rejected, or, at best, depend to a damaging extent, and were really glad to reach there as speedily as possible.

Wm. Allen was very anxious to have the election selected as you suggested. This was opposed by himself and others outside. I knew it could not debate, & reasons would have been given for not appointing which could have certainly done us no good, especially if the proposition should have been defeated after the announcement of reasons for opposing it, indicating a doubt as to ultimate action relative to the Charleston nomination

Many think here that the Douglas will not nominate electors or appoint delegates but wait. We have conflicting stories told about

9608

Newton N. J. Jany. 6. 1860

Dear Sir

Jacob Zanatta Esqr. of Morris-town, a member of the National Dem. Committee, & whom you recently saw in Washington, by my request came up here last evening to make some arrangements before the meeting of our Legislature to secure this State for you. He was a delegate to Cincinnati, & then stood for Buchanan, but now equally stands for you.

We arranged such a programme as I trust will secure this State. He agrees with me in thinking that our greatest difficulty will arise from Col. Alexander's popularity: Senator Thomson, & those who act with him, will no doubt avail themselves of that to secure a delegation ostensibly for Alexander for V. P. but really for a Southern Pact. Thomson's influences are decidedly for Slidell, but as considerable interest is being made in N. J. as well as Pa. by the iron men for Cattin, & Slidell has no strength here, he may deem it policy to unite with the Cattin

men to secure a delegation for him & Alexander. Cooper & Hewitt of New York, who have large iron interests in N. J., are strongly in this Cuthin movement; Cooper resides in N. Y. City, & is an influential member of the N. Y. delegation, elected last fall; Hewitt claims a residence in this Congressional District, near Paterson, & is anxious to go as a delegate, but I think can be prevented. Hewitt & his partner are also warm personal friends of Col. Alexander.

Who is regarded as your strongest competitor for the Charleston nomination?

Please add to the list of names I sent you, those on the next page. Fort was recently our Governor, is a leading methodist, & we want him for one of our Senatorial delegates. It will be out of my power to go to Charleston at the meeting of the Convention, but we will endeavour to secure reliable men. Naar, on the annexed list, is a Jew, (in every sense) editor & proprietor of The Trenton True American, our leading Dem. paper; Force an influential Metho-

dist. Brown largely interested in iron works, controlling many votes; Taylor & Rafferty were very strong Le Compte men, reside in the same City with Dr. Rigg, & have considerable influence in this county. I may have sent you the names of Brown, Taylor, & Rafferty, but am not certain. It would do good if you could supply all those with your late pamphlets, & also with Mr. Johnson's. I also enclose a list of the Legislature, their party affiliations being noted: each of the Dem. Senators has a considerable influence: the Legislature will be in session from next Tuesday till the middle of March, during which time they can be addressed at Trenton.

Very Respy. Your obt. Servt.
Martin Ryerson

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Hon. George F. Fort. New Egypt, Ocean Co. N.J.
David Naar Trenton "
Wm. M. Force " "
John H. Brown, Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co. "
Joseph S. Taylor Paterson, Passaic Co. "
Philip C. Rafferty " " "

P.S. Rafferty is an influential Irish Catholic.

Martin Ryerson

Newton, N Jersey

Jany 6. 1850. [d. 1860]

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endorse list of

Legislature & —

gives names of

others.

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(List with State

Lists)

(Sent)

9612

Indianapolis Jan. 6. 1860

Sir

Money, brown brandy, and all the powers of Hell cannot defeat you in Ind.

Those who are opposed to you, are so opposed, from pure and hatred, & they have done their worst. Baffled, they have been heretofore putting afloat the idea of letting us have our own men as Delegates to Charleston, provided we will not instruct them. They dread to be tied instructions scattered broadcast over the land, as evidence of their unreliability as untrue pictures & prophets, and as a contradiction to their assumption that they are able to control Democracy.

Many of your friends are busy
inquiring & wondering what to do
with this proposition. It may
be informally accepted - or
it may be so Considered.
Yet if at the close a Resolution instructing be offered, it will Carry overwhelmingly. I pray God that
Old St. Convention may pass
down in the best way for the
Country & truth
Robinson said to me, two
days ago that the Union
would be dissolved in less
than four years. I had
to laugh in his face
Be sure to write
Yr Sincerely
W. Spotswood

W. M. Nick

Indianapolis Ind.

Jan 6. 1860

Relative to Indiana

State Convention

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L. Douglas Papers

Cleveland Jany 6. 60

My Dear Viena;

I should have written to you some 6 or 8 weeks ago, had I not known that yourself & family were so deeply afflicted by sickness. Thank God, we are all once more happy in the intelligence of your gradual (though tardy) restoration to health. We are also thankful to learn that Mrs Douglas is in a fair way of recovery.

I beg of you, my very dear friend, to be more particular in the presentation of your health. Take care of that, & all else is well.

Of this you have heard the glorious doings of the Democratic State Convention of Ohio on yesterday. I can assure you, this result, which I have been zealously laboring for, during many years, fills my heart with joy to overflowing. It is a complete, a glorious, and a significant triumph for you at the present juncture of affairs. The Democratic thunder of Ohio will reverberate through the whole Northwest, & its echo will be heard in the South. It comes at the right time. Indiana must follow, to the discomfiture of Fitch & Bright. So far all seems well. But permit me to warn you of danger that you may not dream of

In October last, (during the vacation of my court) I deemed it for your interest that I should visit Albany & the interior of the state of New York and the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I did so, and as the result of this visit I wish to make suggestions for your consideration.

I first went to Penn N.H. to see Ex. Gov. Saml. Dinsmore. I spent 2 days with him & was there when Buxton elected his delegates to Charleston. I found that N.H. was for you & that Ex. Pres. Pierce had urged his friends to stand by you to the last. There is no mistake about this. I have seen the evidence. Gov. Dinsmon had some misgivings on one or two points, but he is all right now. Next to Pierce he is the man of the most importance to you in New Hampshire.

In Massachusetts I found all pre-possessed right. But I am afraid of Cushing & his associates; and more so after visiting Albany & spending a day & night with some 20 of the N.Y. Delegation to Charleston.

The N.Y. Delegation are understood to be Douglas. They all talk so, & it is in accordance with the feeling of the masses of the people in that noble State.

Dear Richmond (whose shoulders are the Atlas on which New York politics revolve) I sincerely your friend. But Snyder & a set of managers at Utica & Albany are rally for Gov. Seymour.

And your danger lies in this quarter. You will go to Charleston with a vote on first ballot close to a majority. The Presidents fate in Pa. will be the only chance of detaching N.York from you will be to propose Seymour to the South, so for him herself & thus lead N.York (a majority of whose delegation is of the Seymour stripe & a majority casting the whole vote of the State) into the easy acquiescence of Seymour nomination. The South, urged by old Buck & his friends, can thus be seduced on pledges. You can be defeated in no other way, & this I am satisfied is the programme of the administration understood by a few of the "uninitiated" in the N.York delegation. All I desire is, to put you upon your guard against this contingency.

You can't do it: but some friend of yours can see to it, that Mayor Wood, Dickinson & a host of their friends should be at Charleston & checkmate the Seymour softs of New York.

I know this is a delicate matter, as the Seymour men are your professed friends. But don't be deceived. Strykes (the bosom & confidential friend of Seymour) has made the trips of New England he has also made the trips of the Entire Northwest. He talks Seymour as a lost race in order to pave the way with Douglas men.

You may think me overcautious But I assure you I do not overestimate the danger.

The quietude of my position has enabled me to penetrate where an open politician could not reach. I have lived to little purpose if my observation and judgment fail me now.

My great desire (next to the salvation of my soul) is to see you take the reins of our Government. I know your love for our common country, your devotion to the constitution: and your just appreciation of the rights of the people.

May God grant you life, health & strength to meet & enjoy all that a "nation of friends" can bestow upon you.

My wife & daughter join in affectionate regards to Mrs D. & yourself.

Ever your friend A. V. Wilson

66/
S. A. Douglas

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A. R. Willson.
Cleveland. Ohio.
Jany 6. 1860.

Political —
New Hampshire,
Massachusetts &
Caleb Cushing —
New York &
Gov Seymour.

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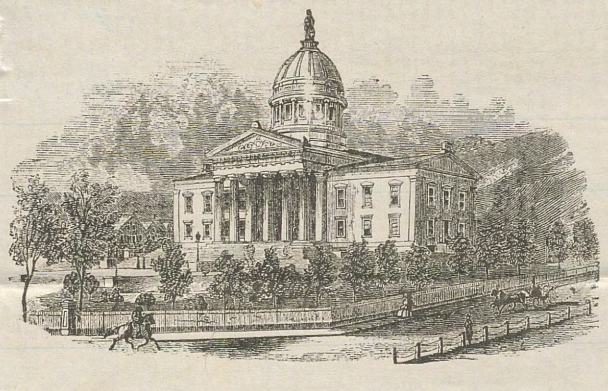

State of Vermont

Sunderland
~~Montpelier~~,

January 7th 1860

Mr. Douglass:

Dear Sir –

If you will take the trouble to send me a few democratic speeches delivered in Congress during the present session, you will oblige your sincere friend –

Your Obt Servant
E. G. Bacon

C. G. Bacon
Sunderland
Vt
Jany 7. 1860.

Wants Dem. Speeches

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F. N. Barrett
Box 2733.
N. Y.

Jany 7.
Autograph

New York. Jany 7. 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas Esq.

Dr. Sir.

It would afford me great pleasure to add your autograph to my collection, together with some sentiment. Your compliance with the above, will greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully
F. N. Barrett.
Box 2733.
New York P. O.

9616

Peru, Ill., Jan. 7th, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

I trust you will excuse me for this letter. My apology for it is that, having been one of the first advocates of your popular Sovereignty Democracy in this section of Illinois, and having ever been a firm supporter of those principles, I, of course, feel a deep interest in their maintenance. Hence, I write you upon the subject which I at present treat of, with perfect freedom, knowing that your whole energies are and have been devoted in that direction.

In September last I was induced by certain persons to establish a Democratic paper in this place. It is, as you are aware, an important point, there being no Democratic paper in Putnam county, and in fact none, (or only a Buchanan paper) in Bureau county. Jas. Dalrymple, Esq., an old friend of yours, furnished a Printing establishment for the purpose, and I have, since September, been editing the paper called the "Peru Weekly Union," some numbers of which I have mailed to you. The paper has made a favorable impression in

this section, giving satisfaction to all par-
those who love pure Democratic principles,
and its circulation is already as good as
I could expect. But at this time it is an
utter impossibility to collect money for news-
paper subscriptions. I am poor and have
not the means to carry on the enterprise
further; consequently, without some
outside assistance to support the paper
until the Campaign opens, it will have
to stop.

As I before stated, I was induced
to come here and establish the paper
by persons who made promises of
assistance. Hon. W. W. Drummond,
of Chicago, held out ~~the~~ the inducement
that he would raise in Chicago for the
support of the paper, several hundred
dollars. With this idea I have been kept
in hope, but nothing has been, or will
be, done there. Here in Penn, similar
inducements were held out by Messrs.
McCormick and others, but times are such
that, although they all desire the success
of the paper, they can with difficulty meet
their own obligations, and consequently
cannot spare money for political pur-
-poses at present.

This, you are aware, is an important
position, and the "Union" might do good
service in the campaign, if a fund could
be raised sufficient to keep it alive till
the first of May or June, after which
time, I am satisfied, it would become
a paying and permanent concern. Without
this aid, however, it must, mortifying
as it may be to me, be suspended.

In conversation with leading men of the
party, it was deemed advisable that I
write you a full and candid statement
of the situation of affairs, and ascertain
whether it is not in your power to assist
us in our distress. There are many leading
men of the party in Washington who would
no doubt assist, and also, there may be
some fund regularly on hand for the
purpose of sustaining enterprises that
may be thought advantageous to the
party; and knowing that your influence
would carry anything of the kind through
successfully, I appeal to you in behalf
of the Democracy of Penn.

I have just had an interview with
Capt. McCormick and H. G. W. Bronise in re-
-lation to this matter, and all agree that we
must have some extraneous aid to keep
a party organ in existence until the

campaign opens—after which time we will be able to walk alone.

Hoping that you will interest yourself and raise us a fund that will keep our paper alive until spring, for the sake of the cause of Democracy, and to accommodate your friends in this section; and trusting I shall hear from you at an early day, I subscribe myself

Your friend, &c

Jas. Bowie

P. S. If you can send me a copy of the "Dred Scott decision" and also of your Freeport Speech, you will very much oblige an old and firm friend

J. B.

Jas. Bowie
Texas
Aug. 1.
Ans. Aug 20.

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C. E. Carr
Galesburg
Ill

Jany 7.
Asking speeches

Salisbury Dec
January 7th 1860

Hon S A Douglas
Washington D C

Dear Sir

I write to request you to send me Speeches and documents during the present Session of Congress. Any favor of this kind will be duly appreciated by

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Clark E Carr

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Thos. J. Green
Ft Smith
Ark
Jan 7
Arkansas Democrat

Fort Smith Ark.
January 7. 1860.

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

After an absence of two & a half months from home attending a small planting interest in the eastern part of the State, On arriving at home a few days past I had the pleasure of a perusal of your Several Speeches made at Chicago; In the Lincoln Canvass; and at the Cities of New Orleans Phil^a & Baltimore — together with an other of a much earlier date, which affords me intense interest — I allude to the One made in behalf of Gen^l Jackson, in the remission of the $1000 fine imposed by Judge Hall at N. Orleans in 1815.

Having been a liberal Contributor of a new democratic paper started at Little Rock opposed to the factious Course of those now in power in this State, which, however, has like most of the other democratic papers in the State, taken ground against you for the next presidency, but professing at the same time to insert Communications from all responsible democrats, I have occasionally availed myself of this privilege to present you and your position in a proper view before the Arkansas public.

The first, on Popular Sovereignty appeared in the "Old Line Democrat" (No. 6.) on the 20th. October last, and an other on the same subject in which your name is made to figure somewhat, in a report by the Editor of a Communication of a Correspondent of the Richmond (Va) Enquirer, which the Editor had indorsed this latter may be found in the 16th. No of that paper of date 29th. Decr. which I had not the vanity to forward you, but which

I should be pleased to learn you had rec'd & approved.
The first was written from this place & signed "D", the other was written from my plantation "Richland" & similarly signed.

Inclosed is the Napoleon Planter I fear has weakened down in your Cause — he however approved & republished my long Article referred to of the 30th Octr. The "Herald" of this place is about to change Owners — those interested disagreeing in regard to yourself it is likely to fall into the hands of those who will oppose your nomination, but if nominated by the Charleston Convention, the democracy of this State, will support you with an unanimity without parallel.

I fear that few of your friends will be able to represent you from this State at Charleston — The politicians & Newspapers Control this matter in Sparcely settled Countries — the people I can depend on still for you — but it is too late for a few men to do much before April. My hope is mainly on the reliance I have for the faithful & unwavering Corps of the Sound democracy in the free States — The rabid tone, and rampant action of many heretofore reliable Southern leaders has alarmed the masses to an extent that will require Months of Active Service to cause reason to resume her throne, and Common Sense to be again appreciated. One half the South will Clamor for Congressional intervention in the Territories — and will expect to accomplish it by & through the powers of the present Administration or its succession who they hope may be found on some other third rate Individual A portion of the other half insist in the most dogged manner on the Nomination of a Southern Man without altering the Cincinnati platform: I am however more firmly impressed with the belief now than ever, that there is no man North or South who does not bring together in a body the South & North West can unite as against the Black Republicans.
On some Common ground — That Common ground was most fully portrayed in the Cincinnatti platform — it only needs the proper representative Man to be nominated at Charleston, to whip out the Black Republican ticket, horse foot & dragoon, now, and by a bold administration Course pursued for the next four years, based on the principles of popular Sovereignty & respect for the reserved rights of the States — (which I maintain is altogether Compatable, one with the other) — a new Conservative party will in opposition thereto be formed as a natural Consequence, having its locality as diversified as it had in the palmiest days of the Whig party — which with the fears of disunion on one side, & loss of Trade & Commerce on the other, Sectional feelings will be appeased — Sectional parties broke up, and the Country as in days of yore be safely divided on principle! There never could be presented a better opportunity for a President of genius to draw public attention from the existing Sectional Conflict that now threatens the stability of the Union & Consequent distraction & anibersity.

The disorganization of government in Mexico — the outrages committed on our citizens there & on the frontier within our own borders justly claims the immediate attention of our government — this with our relations with Spain & great Britain, affords grounds sufficient to draw public attention from fanaticism & Sectionalism which now threatens Civil war among ourselves, and which is not likely to be averted except by a bold stroke of foreign policy. Aside from your whole political Course, the single act of boldness in the U.S. Senate while the timidity of the Pierce hesitated to recognize the Mission of the Rives & Walker government

in Nicaragua was enough to have established your character as the man for the times.

There is one subject, now, I am forced to touch & dwell on. Should the Charleston Convention — or rather the delegates from the Slave States persist in the mad — Calhounian project of of Congressional intervention, as an addition to the democratic platform, it is to be hoped your friends from the free States will maintain their ground by refusing the addition, and ~~thus~~ ultimately save the Union, by withdrawing from the Convention your name, and thereby lay the foundation for the starting point of that division of parties to which I have alluded. The Southern opposition are opposed to popular sovereignty — the Southern democratic party with the exceeding large amount of whig blood in our conservative, and through and by the means & appliances of their newspapers, and Conventional Machinery will be able to control the States South — two thirds of whom are democratic — progressive — And with proper lights will sustain the representation of the right of the people to govern

It is obvious to me, that in less than another decade the people will by the Continued Concessions that are being made in favour of aristocracy, that Chains will soon be forged to Enslave them in reality while the mask of equal liberty. The incessant fiery denunciations fulminated by the public press against the plain rights of the people to govern in their local & Municipal Capacity affords a panorama strong as holy writ, that this government is rapidly tending to despotism or an oligarchy; and it is hoped that some course other than revolution will be devised to avert it.

With sentiments of highest regard

I remain yours truly

Thos. L. Dawes.

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Alex^r Eddy,
Chepachet. R.I.
Jan^y 7. 1860.

Asks for pamphlet
by Hon. Reverdy Johnson

Chepachet R. I.
Jany 7. 1860,

Sir,

I greatly desire to obtain one of Hon Reverdy Johnsons pamphlets, and I cannot think of any one to whom to apply for a favor of this kind with a surer prospect of successful application than to you, for the very good reason to my mind that the Rhode Island delegation are opposition, with whom I have no sort of acquaintance,

I have witnessed or rather noticed with satisfaction the proceedings of the democracy of the States of Illinois and Ohio, and I ardently hope that other states will follow in the same path, and that amongst them my own little State will not be the last, if she is the least,

Respectfully Yr Alex Eddy

S. A. Lowe,
Georgetown
Pettis Co
Jany 7. Mo.
Missouri politics

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Georgetown, Pettis Co. Mo.
January 7. 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

Sir: Allow me to congratulate you on the position which you have taken and to hope that the the whole Democratic party may adopt it as the only means of defeating the Opposition party: the position which you have taken and so successfully defended is the only true one and should be adopted as the one of the Democratic creed: your position is gaining many friends for you in this section; and I care not what interested parties may say to the contrary, I know that there are very few among the Democrats within this and the adjoining counties but what are Douglas men: I shall be a delegate in our State Convention and a resolution shall be introduced instructing the delegates to the Charleston convention to cast the vote of Missouri for you: the resolution may not carry but it will probably cause them to be uninstruc-

ted: of course you have your opponents in this as well as other states, who will strive to defeat your nomination, but I believe they will be beaten: the "Cincinnatti Enquirer" circulates in this vicinity and is doing great good and I feel that it has conquered the objections of many who have heretofore opposed you:

I was one of those commonly called "Benton Democrats," for many years: the issues then are not now, but others have sprung up: I am a Democrat now as then and wish for the preservation of the Democratic party: I fought for you in 1843 & 1844 in Illinois, wrote for you in the Illinois papers from Jefferson City in the winter of 1844 & 1845 in regard to U.S.S. and am yet desirous to go into the fight and work again: I see that Bill Kellogg who lived in Canton, Fulton Co. Ill. is in Congress and has been making himself ridiculously conspicuous; wonder if he recollects me? I shall perhaps soon call or refreshen his memory by some reminiscences which he would be glad to have buried: let him weave the net and when it is finished, the first found in it will be Bill Kellogg: Enough! I am referring to what perhaps you do not know, and I ought not to hint about it, until Kellogg goes some further:

You will pardon me for writing so much to you, but I ask of you to remember that Pettis County Missouri will send Douglas delegates if she sends any, to the State Convention.

Hoping that your health may be speedily restored to you and that you may soon take your seat in the Senate, where we can hear from you, I subscribe myself

Your Obedient Servant:

Jam's A. Lowe

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Indianapolis January 7th 1860

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

The delegates are coming in. We are ready to meet the opposition and still think we can carry instructions. Notwithstanding the tyrannical rules of the Central Committee, & the contested delegations from several Counties Will telegraph as soon as we know the result.

Yours Truly

Winslow S Pierce

Winslow S. Pierce.
Indianapolis. Ind
Jan'y 7. 1860.

Delegates to Convention
Dec.

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Notice to meet
Regents of Smithsonian
Inst. on 18th Jany
1860.

Smithsonian Institution,

WASHINGTON, Janry 7th 1860.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution will be held in its hall, in the Smithsonian building, on Wednesday, Jany 18th at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,
Secretary.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

G & B MFG. CO.

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Cleveland Jany 7th 1840

Dear Douglas

I have just returned from the Convention the proceedings you will have seen ere this will reach you

It went off well & the feeling for you was all I could wish or myself

There was not thirty anti Douglas men in the Convention altho from the vote appearing a preference for you it would look different, but that vote arose from the fact that some districts did not think the Convention had the right to instruct, and they had already been instructed at home for you

All is right in Ohio we are all well & desire to be kindly remembered to your good wife & family

Yours truly

D. P. Rhodes

W. P. Rhodes

Cleveland. Ohio,

Jany 4. 1860.

Relative to Ohio

Convention —

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Columbus Ohio
Jan. 7. 1860

Dear Sir.

I am loath in addressing you of the apparent impossibility of shielding myself from the imputations of desiring thro You, to gain pronounced distinction, or to seek in some way a rich competency for the pains taken in addressing you.

But Sir believing you beyond influence where merit is wanting & especially where you have, it may be, hundreds of personal friends who are far more worthy of, & have by far greater claims upon you for any influence you may wield in their behalf, is the only Shield I present against the imputation intimated.

Permit me to say that since

My introduction to You at Rochester during the N. S. Agr. Fair (a circumstance not easily remembered by You) I have been deeply interested in your Public Career & I rejoice that you are destined in my opinion to be the honorable Nominee for the Presidency, at the Coming Charleston Convention, & also believe You will be triumphantly Elected—

I deeply regret to hear of Your Continued ill health & that Your disease has baffled the skill of the most Scientific [redacted] of the Medical Fraternity—

It would afford me great pleasure to introduce You to the most effectual, Safe & reliable Agent for the Cure of Yours, & Kindred diseases & in fact to all to which flesh is heir—

That Therapeutic Agent is Electricity, as now Controled & Systematized, by Dr Shedd, of this City.

I have been associated with him in practice for a season past & from my own experience & knowledge of what he has accomplished, I have the fullest Confidence to believe that if You are within the reach of a Cure, at the hand of any practitioner of any "Pathy" in the Universe You Can be Cured in our Electropathic Cure in this City of Columbus Ohio,

Dr. Shedd is regarded the best operator in the Union—He is the man who has Systematized the practice of the use of Electricity as it never has been done before My Earnest desire is that You Should avail Yourself of the quickest, Surest, & most effectual remedy that Can be offered to restore You to perfect health.

my interest in you as a man and a Statesman & the interest I have in my Country, its welfare & future ~~welfare~~ prosperity is the only apology I offer for my presuming to address you.

Yours truly

J. W. Spoor

Hon S. A. Douglas,

J. W. Spoor
Columbus, Ohio
Jany 7. 1860.

Recommends
celebrity as one